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£30K THEFT PLOT BY FEDEX STAFF

REPORT BY CARL JACKSON

TWO FedEx workers conspired to steal nearly £30,000 worth of designer goods only to blame each other for it when they were found out.

Greg Irvin claimed he owed Jeetender Singh £200. When he could not repay it, Singh threatened to 'rape and kill' his family unless he agreed to take the haul of Marc Jacobs leather items, he claimed.

Singh argued the whole thing was Irvin's idea, Cannock Magistrates Court heard.

The theft unfolded at FedEx's depot at Burntwood Business Park on April 20.

The court heard that 25-year-old Irvin picked up a pallet of five boxes using his forklift truck and drove outside the depot where he dropped them near a waiting lorry.

CCTV footage captured Singh, aged 40, emerging and talking to Irvin before the pair proceeded to load the boxes into the truck and hide them behind a number of empty cages.

Singh was then seen driving off in the lorry.

Irvin claimed he later met up with Singh in a car park to unload the items into his vehicle to be dropped off at Singh's house.

Singh on the other hand said the pair split the haul 50/50 which was worth £29,600 and belonged to Clipper Logistics.

Debt

Mr John Barnett prosecuting, said: "Both were questioned by the company (FedEx) and Mr Singh returned some of the consignment. He returned £8,400 worth of goods. The remainder of goods outstanding is worth £21,200.

"Police became involved and Mr Irvin admitted stealing. He said he previously borrowed £300 from Mr Singh and paid £100 back. When he couldn't pay the other £200 he said Mr Singh threatened to rape and kill his family if he didn't steal the consignment to get rid of the debt.

"He was asked if he had evidence of these threats and he said no"

Mr Barnett added: "Mr Singh was interviewed and he admitted the theft. He said he had been talked into it by Mr Irvin and they would split the items half each.

"He said Mr Irvin did not owe him any money and he did not threaten him."

Irvin, of Hill Park, Walsall Wood, and Singh of Walstead Road, Walsall, both admitted theft by employee. Magistrates said their sentencing powers were 'insufficient' and the case was committed to crown court for sentencing.

HAPPY HOUR AGAIN AS PAIR RETURN TO CHASE

Paul Heaton and Jacqui during their 2016 concert at Birches Valley. The pair are back on The Chase next year

A FAMILIAR act has confirmed their return to Cannock Chase for the Forest Live concerts next year.

Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, who performed together with The Beautiful South, will appear at Birches Valley on June 30 next year.

The pair last performed on the Chase as part of the Forestry Commission series of concerts last year.

Other previous acts at the beauty spot during its 17-year history include Jools Holland, Status Quo, Paloma Faith, James Bay, Rick Astley, Sir Tom Jones, Erasure, Sugababes and Kaiser Chiefs. Heaton & Abbott will be supported next year by political activist and singer/ songwriter Billy Bragg.

The duet's latest album Crooked Calypso' charted at no 2, making it their highest release as a duo to date. It follows two further top five albums in What Have We Become and Wisdom, Laughter and Lines.

Hits

Heaton has album sales of 10 million under his belt, firstly in the early 1980s as frontman of The Housemartins – best known for singles Happy Hour and Caravan of Love – before forming The Beautiful South. They released 10 successful albums, producing such hits as Rotterdam Perfect 10, Don't Marry Her and Good As Gold, Stupid As Mud.

For the Forest Live concerts, they will perform songs from their albums as a duo as well as material from earlier collaborations.

Tickets are £33.50, plus £3.85 booking fee and go on sale at 9am tomorrow (Friday) from the Forestry Commission box office on 03000 680400, or online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Income from ticket sales is ploughed back into helping look after the forests.

BOXING

Night with Groves to pack real punch

BOXING fans are in for a knockout night as world super-middleweight boxing champion George Groves appears in Cannock next month.

The 29-year-old will be the subject of the 'evening with' show at the Premier Suite lounge, High Green, on November 2.

WBA belt-holder Groves stopped Jamie Cox in the fourth round of the World Boxing Super Series quarter final at Wembley Arena at the weekend to set up a high profile contest with Chris Eubank Jr next year.

Groves has rebuilt his career in the last two years having lost three attempts at a world title, including to Carl Froch twice.

Tickets start at £55 and can be booked by calling the box office 01543 572092.

RECRUITMENT

Delivery firm sorts 60 new festive jobs

DELIVERY network APC Overnight is looking to boost its ranks in the run-up to the Christmas period.

The firm wants to take on 60 new employees on fixed or permanent contracts and is holding a recruitment open day at its Kingswood Lakeside base in Cannock on Saturday.

Either turn up on the day from noon or text 07860 033 226 to book a time slot.

ENVIRONMENT

Recycle firm given clean-up warning

A RECYCLING company has been ordered to clear up its site amid fears of a 'a significant environmental incident'.

Hollybush Recycling Limited, located at the Hollybush Garden Centre, in Shareshill, was served with an enforcement notice by the Environment Agency.

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Footage reveals storm death trauma

Tahnie Martin – emotions

TRAGIC footage showing paramedics responding to a woman who died during Storm Doris featured in the final episode of BBC's Ambulance.

Tahnie Martin, aged 29, from Stafford, was killed after being struck by a water tank cover which had broken off from the roof of Wolverhampton's Mander Centre on February 23.

Emotional scenes were broadcast on Thursday showing the response of paramedics.

Dozens of calls flooded the switchboard at the West Midlands Ambulance Control Centre following the tragic incident in Dudley Street. The heartbreaking calls beg staff to attend as quickly as possible, while they are told that CPR is taking place.

One shopper is heard saying 'Please hurry, oh its terrible' before another says 'I think . . . it may be too late'.

Paramedic Jo Morsy is first on the scene, and the compassionate and caring manner in which she tries to save Tahnie's life is played out on camera.

Jo says: "You give people the best and you try the best you can but sometimes you have to stop because there is nothing that CPR will change." The footage brought back memories of the accident as viewers from the Black Country shared their emotions on Twitter.

An inquest jury last week found that an 'absence of maintenance' played a role in the tragedy.

At the end of a five-day hearing on the University of Wolverhampton worker, a narrative verdict was returned.

It said: "The large heavy panel that struck her became detached from the roof due to strong winds by Storm Doris.

"It became detached by the absence of maintenance that resulted in bad rot and corroded and defective fixtures."

Recycle firm told to tidy up over fire risk

A RECYCLING company has been ordered to clear up its site after Environment Agency inspectors discovered 'excessive' piles of wood and waste which could have led to 'a significant environmental incident'.

Hollybush Recycling Limited, based at the Hollybush Garden Centre, Shareshill, has been hit with an enforcement notice demanding that a plan is put together showing how the fire hazard can be addressed.

Following a recent inspection, the site was deemed to be a fire risk and the owners came up with a voluntary prevention plan. However, that plan was deemed not good enough. Now Environment Agency officials have ordered they draw up another one.

An Agency spokesman said: "Hollybush Recycling Limited were issued with an Enforcement Notice on October 11, requiring them to comply with conditions of their Environmental Permit to produce a written fire prevention plan and to take steps to address the fire risks currently posed on their site, by reducing sizes of combustible waste stockpiles and creating fire-breaks.

Significance

"We found the site had excessively large stockpiles of wood and other waste which, were they to catch fire could lead to a significant environmental incident. The company was initially asked to create a voluntary fire prevention plan to achieve compliance but we decided their plan wasn't going to achieve compliance quickly enough given the environmental risk.''

Company owner Jack Moody operates the Hollybush Garden Centre and Hollybush Farm, which was at the centre of a legal battle over bad smells in 2015.

Mr Moody said the odours were mainly caused by materials the company was testing for local councils to help them meet recycling targets. But he said because of the smells, councils had stopped processing their waste at the site.

Crimewatch axe 'crazy' says mother

Richard Deakin's mother Carol, of Chesalyn Hay, and, inset, her murdered son Richard

A MOTHER whose son's murder was solved after a Crimewatch appeal has branded the decision to scrap the flagship BBC programme as 'crazy'.

Carol Deakin's son Richard was shot in the chest and leg with a sawn-off shotgun by a masked gunman while lying in his Chasetown home in July, 2010. The murder shocked the community and featured on the show in December of that year.

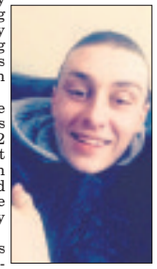
It led to two hitmen, David Harrison and Darryl Dickens, both of Bilston, being unanimously found guilty of killing the 27-year-old father-of-two. Gunman Harrison is currently serving a minimum of 37 years of a life sentence, while Dickens, the getaway driver, is serving 30.

Mrs Deakin, 56, of Cheslyn Hay, said: "It is a crazy decision. Without Crimewatch the murder of Richard would never have been solved. I think it is very sad."

Man in court over fatal New Year's Day crash

A CANNOCK man has appeared in court charged with causing death by dangerous driving after a crash on New Year's Day.

Gregory Springthorpe, aged 22, of Platt Street, is charged with causing serious injury by dangerous driving in relation to Molly Jarvis and causing death by dangerous driving in relation to Travis Jones.



Travis Jones

Springthorpe crashed into trees on the B5012 Cannock Road at Pillaton, between Penkridge and Cannock, on the evening of January 1, 2017.

Travis, who was a front-seat passenger in the grey Honda Civic, was pronounced dead at the scene when ambulance crews arrived.

Springthorpe pleaded not guilty at Cannock Magistrates Court to both charges.

He will now appear at Stafford Crown Court on November 13.

Fake chargers seized in raids

COUNTERFEIT mobile phones with potentially dangerous chargers have been seized in Staffordshire by county council trading standards officers.

Hundreds of fake Nokia 3310 phones were seized from an industrial unit in East Staffordshire and a property in Newcastle following a tip-off.

The Nokia 3310 is a reissue and updated model from 2000 and retails legitimately from £50 to £70. Counterfeit versions of the phone are being sold at £15 and less.

While the phones are shoddy imitations and of poor quality, the chargers provided with them could also be hazardous, causing fires or putting people at risk of electrocution.

The phones seized in Staffordshire have been tested and failed to meet current safety standards.

Well-known names

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society will welcome Derek Davis on Thursday, October 26, as their guest speaker. He will give a talk on 'Renowned Local People' – including Cheslyn Hay's own Mons Perchant. The meeting, at the Salem, in Cheslyn Hay High Street, starts at 7.30pm.

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Officers in clear over spilling of boy's ashes

OFFICERS accused of scattering a child's ashes while looking for stolen goods in Cannock have 'no case to answer', says a police watchdog.

Chelsea Wright, aged 23, alleged a memory bear containing the ashes of her 10-month-old son Nathan, who died in 2014, was opened by police during a raid on her address on June 27 in connection with her partner.

She claimed she subsequently found ashes among the furnishings of the bedroom and lodged a complaint with the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

After reviewing documents and body worn camera footage, IPCC has ruled out any wrongdoing by officers.

Staffordshire's Deputy Chief Constable, Nick Baker, said: "I acknowledge this was an unfortunate and upsetting incident for Ms Wright after the tragic loss of her son.

"It is clear, however, that the officers did not know the contents of the bear and were simply carrying out legitimate duties to search the property.

"During the search, officers were made aware of other items sensitive to the memory of Ms Wright's son and these were not disturbed. This is supported by body worn video footage which we supplied to the IPCC during their investigation.

"The investigation has now concluded and the IPCC report clarifies that our officers did nothing wrong."

£3m independent living homes plan

A HOUSING group plans to invest £3.1 million into a development for adults with learning disabilities.

Bromford Housing plans 14 apartments and 14 homes with two or three bedrooms to allow for adults with learning disabilities or a mental health condition to live independently.

The MyPlace project will be built on vacant land which has remained unused for a number of years in Burntwood, just off the hight street in Cannock Road. The development will include a communal hub, kitchen area, site office, car parking and landscaped gardens.

If planners at Lichfield District Councilgive the scheme the green light construction could start as soon as May 2018.

Harvest weekend

SOUPS and desserts are being served as part of a Harvest weekend at a Heath Hayes church. Bourne Methodist Church is open to visitors with lunch from 10am to 2pm on Saturday and service at 10.30am on Sunday.

Police have upper hand in drugs operation

POLICE carried out an operation to crackdown on drugs in Cannock town centre. Drug swabs were carried out on customers' hands at a number of pubs last Friday night.

A team of Staffordshire Specials – voluntary police with the same powers – took along a hand-held ION Track Machine, worth thousands of pounds, which can detect small traces of substances such as cocaine, heroin, cannabis and amphetamines.

Specials Chief Inspector Sam Rollinson said swabs would be carried out at pubs where there had been incidents in the past.

At venue number one it was not long before the first positive swabs came in. Expressions on the faces of brazen punters who strolled up to the machine smiling and laughing soon turned sour when it blinked red indicating traces of drugs.

Within minutes two people were led outside the pub where a more thorough pat-down search was carried out to see if they had any quantities of drugs on them. Nothing was found. There were further positive tests but no further action taken.

Ch Ins Rollinson said: "A positive test doesn't necessarily mean a person has been taking or even dealing drugs. It just means they have come in to contact with them recently. But that could mean picking up traces from a note or a door handle.

"But a positive test, plus other factors such as if they start acting anxiously, gives us grounds to request a search." Before long it was off to the second pub where the initial warm welcome quickly turned hostile. One man – a former police officer according to his friends – refused a request to be swabbed and then reacted angrily when he was asked to leave by the Specials on behalf of the bar manager.

It was more of the same for the rest of the night. No-one was arrested but plenty got the message.

Ch Ins Rollinson said: "It was all about preventing harm through early intervention, stepping in and speaking to people at an early point in the night to prevent things which can escalate into a large scale public order situation at the end of night, especially with something like cocaine which can give people a sense of invincibility and a desire to fight with others."

Traders hit out over street fees proposal

TRADERS have criticised a move to charge for setting up advertising boards across Cannock Chase.

Councillors were meeting this week to discuss the plans.

At the full council meeing yesterday (Wednesday), members were debating the updating of the authority's policy for commercial use of the highway. This includes bringing in charges for setting up advertising boards, pavement cafes, promotions, gazebos and more.

If plans are approved, it will cost £85 to set up a single advertising board for three years, up to £500 a year for a pavement cafe depending on its size and £25 a day for single items such as rides.

Bosses hope the move will 'breathe new life' into town centres but the plans have been criticised. Currently there are 165 advertising boards set up across the district, as well as 25 pavement cafes and 25 miscellaneous items.

In a report ahead of the meeting, traders say the authority could spend the £15,000-£20,000 it will cost to administer and monitor the scheme better on preventing anti-social behaviour or tackling town centre drinkers.

Consistency

Michael Tichford, the council's head of economic development, said: "This policy will be applied to all street trading activities within the Cannock Chase District Council area. It is intended to assist in the consistency of decision making and enforcement.

"The most contentious issues arising from the consultation process were uncertainty over the likely fees, a perceived bureaucratic application process, a suggestion this is simply a revenue generating exercise and a suggestion that small businesses might be disadvantaged compared to larger operators."

In a response to consultation which ran between February and March, Angi Cooney said on behalf of Rugeley Traders Association: "We acknowledge the need for some control of commercial obstructions but are concerned that the proposed policy amounts to a tax on small town centre traders and will result in price increases which will be passed on to the customer."

Embroidery group's stitch in time

Chadsmoor Tapestry Group chairman Brenda Marshall with the Hednesford embroidery

THE finishing touches are being put to an intricate embroidery that has the history of Hednesford sewn up.

Chadsmoor Tapestry Group has been working on the 6ft x 4ft piecesince 2013 after being given the task by Hednesford Town Council. It is now nearly finished – and was shown off to the public at a preview event.

Group chairman Brenda Marshall, aged 81, said: "They wanted us to use the theme 'Hednesford – Gateway to the Chase'. So they wanted the map of the Chase, which we've done, and we've also done all the flora and fauna, as well as the activities and attractions."

Twenty people have been involved in creating the embroidery. When finally completed it will be on permanent exhibition in Pye Green Community Centre, from early next year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning to drivers over vehicles theft

POLICE have issued a warning after an increase in vehicle thefts.

Staffordshire Police say there has been a recent rise in thefts from, and of, vehicles in the Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley areas.

Mark Griffiths, senior officer assistant, said: "There has been a recent spike in theft from vehicles and theft of vehicles in the Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley areas.

"Please ensure you remove all valuables, shut windows and lock doors and park your car in a garage or under street lighting where possible.

"Also, keep keys in a safe place that is not easily accessible."

Funds offered for safety initiatives

GROUPS that work to make communities safe and healthy across Lichfield district are being offered a slice of a £177,000 cashpot.

Lichfield District Council has set aside the money each year for three years to recognise the role played by the voluntary and community sector.

The application process is now open for not-for-profit groups who can demonstrate how the cash can make a positive impact.

To apply, before 5pm on December 12, download a form at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/healthyandsafe

30 real ales on offer at festival

DRINKERS can take their pick from more than 30 real ales at the Lichfield Autumn Beer Festival this weekend.

Also available at the Guildhall in Bore Street will be a selection of traditional ciders and perries plus the Lichfield Arts' regular bar, pork pies and a selection of cold snacks.

The festival takes place tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday with live music provided by Back in Time on the opening day and Downshift on Saturday.

Tickets are £2 on both days before 6pm and £3 after. Book at www.lichfieldarts.org.uk or on 01543-262223.

Half-term events at Memorial Arboretum

FAMILIES can enjoy a host of half-term activities at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Children can learn about insects found in Great War trenches and make their own creepies. Twice a day they can hear Tales from the Trenches.

On Saturday, there is a twilight trek, over 5k, from 5pm, or a shorter family walk, from 4.30pm. Cost is £7.50 each or £26 per family and booking is essential.

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COUNTY NEWS

Call for reports on accident hotspots

A FORMER mayor has called for councils to publish details on the number of accidents at spots where speed cameras could be poised to make a return.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson confirmed that he is in talks with Black Country councils around bringing them back.

But former Walsall mayor Peter Smith has issued a word of caution on the move. He said: "Motorists will be suspicious that this is a move to raise money, unless evidence is produced that demonstrates the chosen locations are proven hotspots."

Keith Allen named as Comic Con star

ACTOR, comedian and musician Keith Allen is coming to Birmingham's Comic Con.

The event, at the NEC, will also feature Veronica Taylor, known for voicing the part of Ash Ketchum in Pokémon. Keith is best known for his roles in films Trainspotting, Eddie The Eagle and TV's Robin Hood.

Keith was a member of London punk band Atoms in the late 70s and later Fat Les, a band which also featured artist Damien Hurst and Blur bassist Alex James. Keith will be at Comic Con on both November 18 and 19. Autographs with the star will cost £20, and photo sessions cost £24.

Cat owners alerted over fatal virus

A POTENTIALLY fatal virus has infected cats across the West Midlands. The RSPCA is urging cat owners to get their pets vaccinated.

It comes after vets spotted a rise in stray cats arriving at Birmingham Animal Hospital suffering with feline panleukopenia (FPV).

Senior clinician at the hospital Joanna Szkutnicki said: "FPV is a severe disease that can prove fatal. Symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhea, flu-like symptoms, lethargy and also sudden collapse."

Air ambulance lottery hits 80,000 backers

AN air ambulance charity's lottery has reached 80,000 subscribers and now funds more than 750 missions every year.

Midland Air Ambulance hopes to get 100,000 subscribers for its Lifesaving Lottery. Last year the lottery raised £2.7 million. It needs in excess of £7m a year to operate its three helicopters. To subscribe visit www.midlandsairambulance.com/lottery

Thriller builds to an intense crescendo

Graeme Brookes

REVIEW
Wait Until Dark, Lichfield Garrick *By Diane Davies*

PLUNGED into darkness for what seems like an age, flashes of blade appear and screams of terror ring out – this thriller arouses a rush of adrenalin and excitement that lingers long after the curtain has fallen.

Targeted by three crooks, blind victim Susy Henderson levels the playing field under a cloak of darkness and gives the audience a real taste of her terrifying experience.

Stephen King declared the 1967 film version of this Frederick Knott nail-biter the 'scariest movie of all time'.

Certainly the finale reaches a crescendo of tension and intensity as Susy tackles the three conmen in her flat.

Taking the lead in this Original Theatre Company production is Karina Jones, one of the few visually-impaired actresses on the circuit. She is totally convincing as the timid wife who is gripped with shock and fear at the hands of the unscrupulous conmen who strike after creating a ruse to get her husband out of the house.

Unbeknown to Susy, they are hunting a missing doll which inadvertently came into the hands of her husband but is far more than just a children's toy.

Jack Ellis, best known as Jim Fenner in TV's Bad Girls, plays the rugged ex-con who attempts to win the confidence of the panicked Susy in a bid to retrieve the doll.

His partner in crime is Burntwood lad and Saddlers superfan Graeme Brookes, who plays DS Croker as part of the gang's subterfuge. Brookes is entertaining as the seemingly hapless crook who reveals sinister hints of a violent streak.

The first half can be a little frustrating as the scene is set but leaving so many questions hanging in the air.

But the second half sees the tension and the action ramped right up to get the audience on the very edge of their seats.

Wait Until Dark is an incredible theatre experience but maybe not for the faint-hearted.

Cruel owners of starved horse given 10-year ban

By Jordan Harris

A MAN and a woman have been disqualified for keeping horses for 10 years after starving their own animal to the point where she was found collapsed.

Lee Roberts, aged 45, and Sarah Roberts, 38, both of Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to the bay mare, named Lady.

They were sentenced at North Staffordshire Justice Centre.

RSPCA inspector Rob Crutchley said: "We were called by a concerned member of the public after they saw the horse had collapsed at stables in Stafford Road, in Cannock.

"When I got there, she was wearing a rug so it wasn't immediately obvious how emaciated she was. When I lifted the rug up I could tell that she had been starved – she was in such a state.

Alarm

"A vet came out and they were very concerned as Lady was clearly very weak. She was given a body score of just 0.5 out of five and was very emaciated. Sadly, the vet made the decision that the kindest thing to do was to put her to sleep to end her suffering.

"Lady had been starved so much that by the time someone raised the alarm, she was beyond help."

Lady's body was sent away for a post-mortem examination, which showed that she had poor nutrition in her gut. As well as a 10-year ban on keeping equines, the pair were ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work each, and to each pay costs of £250.

School musicians hit the right note

Alex Haywood, aged eight, Kaman Bal, seven, Amelie Bartlett, nine, Olivia Hickson, 11, and Alfie Clarke, eight

A SCHOOL has hit the right note with a successful music programme. It was introduced at Landywood Primary in Great Wyrley, giving pupils the chance to develop their musical skills.

The students took part in taster sessions where they tried out different instruments – from recorders, violins, steel pans, ukuleles, percussion instruments and doods, single reed woodwind instruments – in order to choose their favourites to carry on learning. The youngsters are allowed to take the instruments home each week to practise and after-school music lessons are held.

The Creative Curriculum is for year groups three up to six. To prepare for their end of year Music Extravaganza, one of the musical instruments will be used to perform a concert each half term. At the end of year show, the school's choir and orchestra will perform.

Appeal to witnesses of attack at station

WITNESSES of a serious assault in Rugeley last month have been urged to contact police.

A 24-year-old man was the victim of an attack by six men at Rugeley Town station at 3pm on September 17 as he was waiting to catch a train.

Two of the suspects are described as black, in their 20s, and wearing black tracksuits with hoods and black Air Max trainers.

The other four who subsequently joined them were in their early 20s.

One of them was wearing a dark blue hooded top, while another wore a white baseball cap with the word Stussy on it.

Investigating officer Pc Stuart Williamson said: "This was a violent and seemingly unprovoked assault, and we are urgently making inquiries to establish what happened.

"The victim has a possible fractured right cheek as a result of this assault, as well as bruising around the eye and cheek area.

"Violence will never be tolerated, and we are working to identify those responsible for this nasty assault.

"The victim remembers seeing other members of the public around the station at the time of the assault.

"Therefore, I would like to hear from anyone who was at the station at the time of the assault and saw what happened."

Anyone with information has been urged to contact British Transport Police by sending a text to 61016 or by calling 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference 1700065255.

Alternatively, pass information anonymously to independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Bogus callers in 'water board' con

VICTIMS as old as 101 have been targeted by two bogus cold callers purporting to be from the 'water board'.

Staffordshire Police said there have been four similar incidents in the county, including one in Lichfield, since the start of September.

In each case, two men aged between 30 and 40 approached the home in question and while one of them 'checked' the taps in the kitchen or bathroom the other raided the property for cash.

Det Insp Alan Lyford said: "There are no such companies as the Water Board, Gas Board or Electric Board.

"These words are only used by offenders, so be alert if they are used by anyone at your door.

"Our advice is clear and simple – if in doubt, keep them out."

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Comedy night Stokes up funds for playground

A CHARITY comedy night raised almost £800 for a Great Wyrley nursery.

Comedian Chris Stokes headed up the event held at the Prince of Wales Centre in Cannock after being contacted by an old school friend from Great Wyrley.

The comic, currently touring with funnyman Milton Jones, was recruited by mother-of-two Gemma Meers, a volunteer on the committee for the Holly Lane nursery which has been forced to scrap a lot of its outdoor playing equipment.

The charity is now desperately trying to raise enough cash for a new 'soft ground' to replace the old one, which had rubber chippings and was no longer considered safe by Ofsted in case children fell.

Joining Stokes on stage was TV magician Pete Firman, comedian David Longley. MC was rising star Kiri Pritchard McLean.

The nursery is a registered charity which offers the community affordable childcare but relies on donations and fundraising.

The nursery hopes to raise enough money for a new, acceptable 'soft' ground and some climbing equipment.

Stokes will be back in the West Midlands on November 4 when he supports Milton Jones at the Wolverhampton Civic Halls and, on the same evening, performs a solo show at the Lych Gate Tavern in the city.

Two become one as trusts to merge

TWO NHS trusts in Staffordshire are to merge, it has been announced.

The Boards of South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (SSSFT) and Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP) have agreed to come together as one organisation from next April.

SSSFT provides a range of mental health, learning disability and specialist children's services whilst SSOTP provides community health and adult social care.

A joint statement said: "Our joint commitment is to provide high quality care for those who need our services, while always recognising that there are ways for us to innovate and work smarter."

Nine-mile ramble

CHASE Ramblers head off on a nine-mile moderate walk from Ashbourne this weekend. Departure time on Sunday is 9am prompt from Hednesford railway station car park. Call Barry on 01543 684254 for more.

Action demand over illegal camps

Travellers in Essington in July

THE Government Chief Whip has called for urgent action to tackle the 'complete chaos' caused by illegal traveller camps across the county.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, has welcomed the announcement of a Government review into the effectiveness of current laws designed to tackle unauthorised encampments.

Mr Williamson said it was time for real consideration to be given to increasing police and local authority powers in dealing with the problem.

"I have been very keen to make sure this vitally important issue was debated in the House of Commons," the Conservative MP said. "It is clear that for too long not enough has been done to tackle the issues surrounding illegal traveller encampments.

"That needs to change. I welcome the decision to review the current laws. We need to make sure that real consideration is given to the current state of affairs, particularly in terms of increasing the powers available to police and councils."

Announcing the consultation, communities minister Alok Sharma told MPs: "Within the settled community the view is that if they were flouting the law in the same way as a small percentage of travellers, they would be treated more harshly by the authorities."

He said the Government would seek views over whether existing powers could be used more effectively.

"But let me be clear," he added. "This is not a signal to local authorities and the police that they should wait for the outcome of such a consultation – they have the powers to act and we expect them to act."

Charity could close due to traveller battle costs

A CANNOCK charity may have to close due to travellers after it had to spend thousands of pounds booting them off their car park.

Since the start of September, travellers have set up on the car park of the Avon Business and Leisure LTD community centre on two separate occasions.

Founded in 1968 the charity, which hosts about 40 events a week, has seen visitors decline due to the encampments and has been left with a £5,000 bill which it says it cannot afford.

Social media manager Peter Rose said: "We are hiring third-party security, which is £442 just for a night. Just getting [the travellers] out of the car park has cost us upwards of £3,000 and plus we are getting the gates redone.

"The total is going to come to around £5,000 and we cannot afford that so we may be pushed towards closure. We spoke to the council and, in short, they said 'It is your problem' and the police could not do that much except put a decoy car outside for the night.

Decline

"We have a parents and toddler group not far from the doors and those kids could have run out into an active car park or a very busy road.

"We have already seen a decline in numbers for the community groups," Mr Rose added.

The group is a non-profit charity that holds events varying from playgroups for children to exercise classes to help the elderly along with disabled people.

The charity, based on Avon Road, is putting money towards adjusting the access passage at its entrance in order to prevent caravans getting through.

Cannock South councillor Maureen Freeman said: "I am absolutely disgusted and especially because such a lot of people have meetings there including the elderly.

"It is a problem across the West Midlands, and I really do feel all authorities across the country should get together on this."

Donations to help the charity can be made to https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/avon-leisure

Nolan in the mood for panto

Cast members of Snow White at the Prince of Wales, Ollie Bower, Ann Nolan and Emma Brown

A CAST of classic fairytale characters will be heading to the stage for Cannock's Christmas production.

Anne Nolan, of The Nolan sisters fame, takes on the role of the Wicked Queen in Snow White at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock.

Emma Brown will be in the lead role, with Ollie Bower as Prince Valentine and Lee Goode appearing as Ramsbottom.

Amy Isaac takes on the role of the fairy.

The classic story tells the tale of a little princess born in a castle and loved for her kindness and beauty.

The tale unravels as her father dies and she is left to live with her cruel stepmother, Queen Cruella, who is jealous of Snow White's beauty.

It will take place from December 22 to 30 at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock and times vary from 2pm to 6.30pm.

For tickets and show times, call 01543 578762.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doctors promote eyesight services

STAFFORDSHIRE GPs used World Sight Day to remind people of a free NHS service that is available to anyone concerned about their vision.

Anyone who is registered with a local GP can go straight to the most convenient optician practice to use the Minor Eye Condition Service.

Dr Gary Free, a Cannock GP and clinical lead for Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Optometrists are not just there for people who think they may need glasses. They are healthcare professionals who are highly qualified to deal with conditions related to your eyes and eyesight."

Turn on the power to get kitted out

AN energy supplier is offering to power up young footballers in Staffordshire.

E.ON is giving under-13s teams the chance to be kitted out for free with the launch of its 'Power Kicks' competition. Winning teams will receive 15 full youth kits in sizes and colours of their choosing.

To enter, visit eonenergy.com/powerkicks and complete and submit the online entry form. All valid entries received by October 30 will be entered into the prize draw to win a voucher to cover the cost of 15 full youth kits.

Children's market to go twice a year

A CHILDREN'S market will become a regular feature after a popular follow-up to a successful launch.

Entirely dedicated to children – and selling gifts for youngsters – the event, at Penkridge Market, proved so popular at its launch in April that another was held on October 1. Thousands attended and it will now become a twice a year feature. Future dates are April 15 and September 30, 2018.

Kate Kingsley, whose idea it was, said: "We were absolutely thrilled by the response and couldn't believe even more attended the second event."

Majestic evening with Henry VIII for charity

CHURCHGOERS can enjoy an audience with Henry VIII in Chadsmoor tonight (Thursday).

The 'entertaining evening with His Majesty' is being held as a fundraiser for The Leprosy Mission.

It starts at 6.45pm at Bethany Baptist Church, Cannock Road.

Tickets are £10, to include cheese and biscuits. To book, or for additional information call John on 01543 503469.

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Debt: No it's not all fault of the bankers

POPULAR wisdom is that the financial crash 10 years ago was solely down to those who worked in the banking sector. Were it not for their reckless behaviour, everything would be fine and dandy, and we would all be basking in the joys of ever-growing living standards.

Certainly, the banking sector didn't cover itself in glory, but we kid ourselves if we think it was anything more than a bit-part player in the problems of the past decade. The real cause of the crash was debt. Ridiculous amounts of it. Both government and personal.

National debt more than doubled between 2005-2010. Record "investment" in health care often meant shiny new buildings leased from private companies under the PFI initiative – more debt.

Then there were the new NHS admin bodies with fancy names like "Beacon" and "Crystal", each with their own corporate logos, offices and PR teams. But then there was the even more vexed issue of personal debt. For every reckless loan doled out by the panto villains in the banks, there was also a misguided borrower. Did anybody really think a 115 per cent mortgage at five times their salary would end in anything but tears?

Blaming bankers is an alluring argument, particularly for politicians. After all, they are hardly going to say it was their fault. And blaming the general public tends not to go down terribly well either. Pointing the finger at people who are hard to love at the best of times is always going to be the easy option. The problem is that they have learned nothing.

Today, government debt is at an all-time high. For all the talk of "austerity", it is still spending more than is coming in. This cannot go on forever.

At the same time, UK personal debt stands at £1.6 billion, about what it was before the last crash.

Experts are particularly concerned about PCP car purchases. Take a look at all those shiny new 4x4s you see every day. How many have been paid for? About 14 per cent. Nearly nine out of 10 new cars are bought on the never-never. And don't get me started on payday loans and "rent-to-buy" stores.

We have become a want-it-now, throw-away society, where saving to buy things and making them last is seen as old-fashioned. It may not be palatable, but we have got to accept that not everyone can have a new car, flat-screen television, computer or smart phone. If we don't live within our means, another crash is inevitable.The only question is who we blame next time.

Film-makers not letting facts spoil a good story

You can take our lives, but not our freedom...to paint our faces blue, for the movie

W1A actress Sarah Parish, proving that the most basic slapstick comedy still works

Jamie Oliver's spat with Gordon Ramsey, about the size of their families has hit the headlines

Dramatic changes as history repeats itself

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE great writer Robert Harris says there is nothing worse than a screen or stage adaptation of a book sticking too closely to the plot and becoming "stilted" as a result. Actually, I can think of something worse. It is scriptwriters and producers altering historical facts.

THERE is no evidence, for example, that Queen Victoria's courtiers Lord Alfred Paget and Edward Drummond were gay, let alone had an affair. Indeed, Paget fathered 14 children which suggests he had a passing interest in heterosexuality. Yet in Victoria (ITV), Paget and Drummond are lovers. Writer Daisy Goodwin says she has been "creative" in her interpretation of history and "some people might get very cross with me." Only the sort of people who get cross at movies suggesting the Yanks retrieved the Nazi's Enigma code machine (U-571) or that William Wallace painted his face blue (Braveheart). These days, people get their history from television and movies. The least they can expect is accuracy.

THERE'S a running joke in the satirical comedy W1A (BBC1) about the BBC's digital subtitle service which can neither get things right nor be switched off, and which recently announced a show starring the popular pianist Jews Holland. But it's hard to satirise the Beeb's real subtitle service. It was rubbish when it was launched just in time for the Charles and Di wedding in 1981 and remains rubbish to this day. A few days ago I switched on the Beeb's mid-day weather forecast. The subtitles began: "It was a grey staff are some of it this morning" and went on to warn of "one or two Mac showers." In Scotland, presumably.

SOME say W1A has lost its spark and perhaps there is a natural limit to the number of buzzword jokes viewers will accept. Yet it still has some great gags. The moment the tall, chiselled and perfectly poised Anna (Sarah Parish) walked into the glass wall and knocked herself out was one of the best TV slapstick moments since Friends' Joey punched Ross in Central Perk.

RESIDENTS of Coseley in the West Midlands have called in their MP Pat McFadden because they are plagued with badgers which dig up their gardens and even damage house foundations. It's a tricky one for any politician because badgers are a protected species whose only serious enemy is the motor car. A friend was driving home the other night and paused in a farm lane to let one baby badger cross the road, followed by another, and another. There were eight of them. They are adding to a UK badger population estimated at 485,000 which is an 80 per cent increase since the 1980s. Princess Anne famously declared that there would be a good case for culling badgers even if there was no link to bovine TB.

THERE is, if we believe the tabloids, some friction between TV cooks Jamie Oliver and Gordon Ramsay over the size of their families. Oliver has five kids, Ramsay four. I am surprised, in an age of rocketing world population, climate change and loss of habitat, that anyone draws attention to their own fecundity. There you are, dutifully dividing your household waste into three different bins each week in order to save the planet. If the couple next door have ten kids, you must ask yourself, what's the point?

YET another email this week alleges that if you support Brexit you're right-wing. Can I advise you to have a look at Jeremy Corbyn's record from 1975 of voting against the EU and all its works? And he's right-wing, is he?

MEANWHILE, still in Europe, the death is announced of Victorino Martín, 88, the greatest bull breeder in Spain. His beasts, the victorinos, were famed for their unpredictability in the ring. It may be that some of your hard-earned taxes are supporting bullfighting, via the EU's Common Agricultural Policy. As with so many EU affairs, it's not easy to find where the money went but a report by Green Party MPs four years ago reckoned about £103 million a year was used to subsidise the bullfighting industry. Another good reason for leaving. Hey, maybe we could spend the bullfighting money on the NHS.

TALKING POINT

Educating drivers to park their car safely

There has been so much in the Press. not just lately, but for months, years now – parents parking outside schools.

It's amazing how signs and double yellow lines are totally ignored in the panic to get their children to school on time. Get up a bit earlier and park in a safe (and legal) spot or, if possible walk to school, surely the better option as you can guarantee your young ones get some exercise. With all the problems these days with child obesity surely – if feasible – that is the best option.

Another problem with this inconsiderate parking is the knock-on, pavement parking, cars 'dumped' half on and half off the pavement. Maybe they think they are being clever avoiding double parking but this just causes problems for other mums. Try getting a buggy past the parked car, not enough room on what is left of the pavement which means the mum has to bump the buggy down on to the road and take her chances with the traffic. Not very safe.

This month is Walk to School Month which aims to promote healthy living, reduce levels of traffic and make roads safer for all. Good idea – let us just hope parents go along with it. Warning – careless parking is putting children's lives at risk, including your own. Those 'drive carefully' near school signs are there for everybody, so heed the warning.

And while we are talking about ignoring signs it is not just the parents who should take the blame. Driving near schools there is always plenty of notice that pupils will be in the vicinity, possibly crossing the road, and not all areas are these days lucky enough to have a crossing warden. Pupils should not have to take their lives in their hands because of motorists speeding along. Village roads are sometimes the worst with blind bends and narrow streets. Not the place where boy racers should be showing off. In fact that applies to all streets!

Just imagine if you were that driver how you would feel if something happened. Showing off could end with you in court or having to live with what you have done for the rest of your life. Think before you put your foot down, You might think it is clever but these pupils are somebody's son, daughter, brother, sister etc and you could destroy a family for ever.

Always remember that those few minutes you may save by dumping cars on pavement, parking illegally, or speeding by a school could mean a lifetime of misery for a family if an accident happens. Heed the signs – kill your speed not the child.

SUE ATTWATER

Tougher powers, but no fly-tipping fine issued

Great eye deer for close-up

The stag caught close-up by Anthony Dunn near Chasewater

A PHOTOGRAPHER found himself in a tense stare-off with a deer as he took this eye-catching picture from just seven feet away.

Anthony Dunn, a 53-year-old motorhome repairman from Cannock, took the shot near Chasewater at around 6.50am on a Saturday.

The stag is well-known to locals and Anthony said he said he received a tip-off the night before on where it tended to be. The next morning Anthony found him where he expected. He said: "I followed him alongside a stream for a bit but did not want to startle him.

"But I think he got stuck because as I came around I could see his back legs were in the stream and his front legs were on the bank and he was staring straight at me.

"We both just froze.," he added.

"I took some pictures and thought he's not going to move until I do. I ended up about seven or eight foot away."

COUNCILLORS in Cannock did not issue a single fine for fly-tipping in the first year since new stricter powers were introduced.

Figures show that only two councils in the Black Country and Staffordshire used the measures, which enables councils to issue on-the-spot penalty notices of up to £400 for offences.

Across the UK local authorities have collected £750,000 in fines from illegal waste dumping since the Government brought in the legislation last May.

But more than two-fifths of England's councils – including Cannock Chase, Lichfield and South Staffordshire – did not issue a single fine up until May this year, according to figures from a Freedom of Information request.

Sandwell and Stafford Borough were among the other authorities who failed to act.

Region

Wolverhampton Council issued nine fines totalling £4,044 over the period, while Dudley Council brought in £360 from three fines. Walsall Council did not respond to the data request.

The figures come despite the region being blighted by fly-tipping, with 32,569 reports of dumped waste in the West Midlands last year.

Across England, the number of fly-tipping incidents have risen for three years in a row, government figures show, with councils reporting 936,090 cases in 2015/2016, up four per cent on the previous year.

Clearing up illegally dumped rubbish cost councils almost £50 million in 2015/2016, while enforcement action cost nearly £17m.

Local Government Association environment spokesman Martin Tett said it was wrong that councils had to spend 'vast amounts' a year tackling the problem at a time when they continued to face significant funding pressures.

He said councils may still feel prosecutions were the most effective course of action.

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I would also like to thank Mrs Conolly and her team of nurses who treated her with love, care and dedication. We both have very good faith and would like to thank all of our family and friends for their prayers.

RAY COLLINS
Stafford

Enough is enough in battle against cancer

WHEN my mother Marjie Lawrence died from ovarian cancer seven years ago, I promised myself I would speak up so that others wouldn't suffer in the same way.

I joined Target Ovarian Cancer because it is a charity determined to make the changes that will save lives.

They have worked tirelessly on symptoms awareness, and this is taking effect, but the fact is that UK women are facing a demographic time bomb in ovarian cancer. In my capacity as ambassador to Target Ovarian Cancer, I'm writing to tell you that enough is enough. Our new campaign bears our most powerful message to date and signifies that now is the time for change: It's time to TAKE OVAR.

Funding for new research into ovarian cancer drugs has dropped by one third in the past five years. Without this research we will be unable to establish new treatments for the disease. This is an indisputable fact, and yet statistics show that more women than ever will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the coming years.

More funding is required as soon as possible. Please join Target Ovarian Cancer to raise awareness, fund research and save lives. To get involved go to targetovariancancer.org.uk/TAKEOVAR.

SARAH GREENE
Target Ovarian Cancer ambassador

Wise up . . . plans are totally unaffordable

DOES Paul Witton really believe the Labour Party are a credible opposition who are ready to govern? ("Manifesto was costed and popular" October 12).

Does he really think plans which will entail borrowing billions are costed and popular? Only the misguided Labour supporters will believe this, for those of us who experienced the constant threat of strikes ordered by the union masters know what a Labour government would bring.

Wise up. Labour's plans, which all sound very nice, are totally unaffordable and unworkable.

LDT
Heath Hayes

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Policy on children's conditions

THOUSANDS of children with long-term medical conditions are not safe in schools because they are not getting vital support to help manage their condition.

Schools are required by law to have policies in place to care for any child with long-term conditions. But nine in ten schools either do not know the law, or understand what it means for them in practice.

On October, 23 we are presenting a petition asking the Minister for Children and Families to let schools in England know that they are required to have a medical conditions policy, and to require schools to publish their policies online. All children deserve to feel safe in school.

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Tours to graves of those killed in both world wars

BATTLEFIELD Memorial Tours is a Midlands-based organisation that takes relatives to the graves of loved ones killed in the two world wars. And this autumn, the group will be visiting key sites in France and Belgium that will include the infamous Passchendaele battlefield.

There will also be the opportunity to attend the Armistice service held annually every November at the Menin Gate, Ypres. Battlefield Memorial Tours is the successor organisation to a research group founded by the late Alex Bulloch MBE in 1972. Mr Bulloch, a Birmingham policeman, was instrumental in taking many thousands of Midland people to the graves of loved ones.

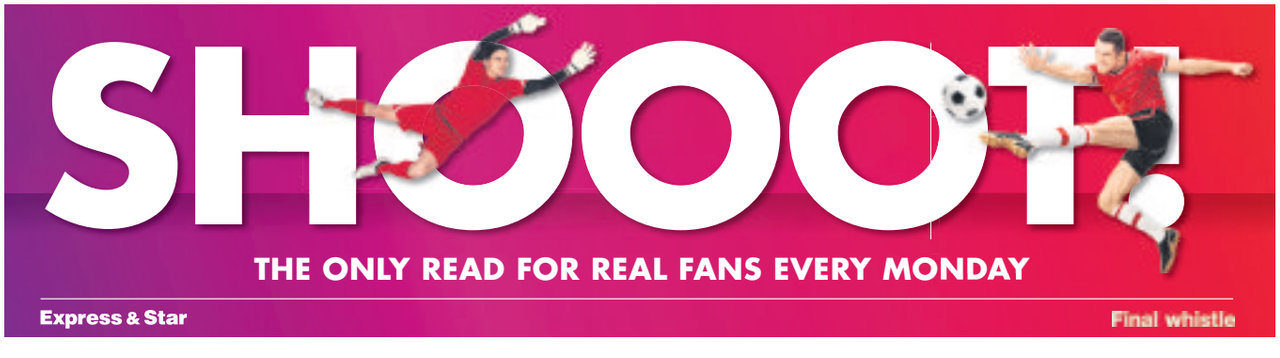
For information, contact tour organiser Brian Long on 01629 650780 or visit www.battlefieldmemorialtours.co.uk

JOHN PHILLPOTT
Battlefield Memorial Tours

MP's absence says it all

FOR someone who would attend the opening of an envelope if it meant a photo opportunity in the local press, local MP Amanda Milling's absence at the celebration of the town's magnificent response to the call for increased supplies for the food bank speaks volumes. Forever the nasty party, eh?

REG EVANS
Hednesford



Bowled over by skittles night event

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed members and friends to the September skittles evening.

It followed the summer saunter on Cannock chase in August followed by an excellent meal once again at the The Greyhound at Burston – the walk organised and led by John Parton and the meal organised by Ann Shutt.

At the end of August 11 members saw an open air performance by the Folksy Theatre of Twelfth Night at Wightwick Manor.

Secretary Sue Davidson took on the role of Master of Ceremonies the fun began; and encouraged and heckled by the rest of the audience, six teams took part in a hilarious competition which kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

After a break for refreshments and the drawing of the grand raffle the evening ended with team members doubled up to play the final round of bowling together – with penalties for not being in unison.

Sue thanked everyone for coming along and joining in the fun and thanked members for the lovely refreshments and the wonderful selection of raffle prizes they had provided.

The next meeting is today (Thursday) and will be all about Chocolate with Jackie Smith from Nova Chocolates – tea hostesses will be Maria Birch, Alison Bandurak and Judy Stuart. Visitors are always welcome.

Hospice care put in spotlight at meeting

SI Cannock & District

Soroptimist Emma Hodges, CEO St Giles Hospice with Val Jones, president, SI Cannock & District

CLUB member Emma Hodges, CEO of St Giles Hospice, was the September speaker.

She explained the reasons behind a recent rebrand and aimed to show something of the diversity of care offered by St Giles. While the main focus of care for patient and family remains at its core, what was important 34 years ago is important still today.

There have been many changes and advances in that time – 80 per cent of hospice care is now delivered in the community; some services, such as the 24/7 advice line, are available to anyone at all.

St Giles now offers in-patient care; day hospice care; Hospice at Home; bereavement services; an MS group; seated exercise classes; IT groups; Lymphoedema Clinic; day therapies – and more.

Soroptimist Janis Lomas gave the vote of thanks. The club gave a small donation to go into the funding of St Giles.

Birthday celebrations sewn up

Chadsmoor Tapestry Group

MEMBERS of Chadsmoor Tapestry Group marked their 25th birthday with a special celebration meal at Essington Fruit Farm.

Tables were adorned with lovely flower arrangements and everyone received a rose corsage on arrival, courtesy of Ann Legg.

A cake made by Wendy Sambrook was adorned by an embroidered flower together with an embroidered cake band made by Sandra Robinson and Jan Cowley.

After the meal Liz Attfield proposed a toast to the club, and, following the cutting of the cake, Nita Barker proposed a toast to chairman Brenda Marshall, who has been at the helm for 25 years. Liz and Nita highlighted memorable achievements and mention was also make of the club's latest community project, The Hednesford Embroidery.

Guest of honour Joan Edwards was inducted as president and presentations were made to Joan and three founder members Nita, Brenda and Joyce Lane.

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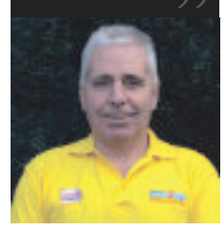

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Record tourism numbers means boost for county

TOURISM in Staffordshire is set for a major boost as the UK welcomes a record 40 million overseas visitors this year.

Tourist promotion agency VisitBritain forecasts overseas trips to the UK will increase by six per cent to 39.7 million with spending up by 14 per cent to £25.7bn this year.

In Staffordshire, the sector is already worth more than £1 billion annually with around 25 million people enjoying day or overnight trips.

Top attractions include Alton Towers Resort and Drayton Manor Park, as well as Tamworth's SnowDome and Waterworld.

Staffordshire is also home to the National Memorial Arboretum, the national football centre and the National Brewery Centre, as well as a wealth of smaller museums and attractions on our own doorstep, including Cannock Chase, Chasewater, Lichfield Cathedral and Shugborough Estate.

Largest

Tamworth Castle, the Ancient High House and Weston Park are other leading visitor attractions, while Trentham Estate, with its award-winning adjacent monkey Forest, is now the UK's fourth largest paid-for garden attraction.

Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economic growth at Staffordshire County Council and deputy chairman of Destination Staffordshire said: "The record numbers of overseas visitors to the UK we're seeing this year is not only great news for the country but also wonderful for our own tourism economy.

"Our local tourism businesses continue to do a great job, attracting more and more visitors, bringing in over £100m a month for the local economy and sustaining tens of thousands of jobs."

See what the county has to offer at www.enjoystaffordshire.com/whats-on

Curtain up on charity ride

From left, cycle fundraisers Adrian Bibb, Ben Waterfield, Carl Harris

THREE lead employees from Dunelm saddled up for a fundraising ride – and stopped off in Cannock.

Head of central operations Adrian Bibb, head of service Carl Harris and reward manager Ben Waterfield were greeted on day four of six, taking in 14 stores.

It was part of a week-long Dunelm drive raise funds for Home-Start. In its first year of a fundraising partnership, Dunelm raised more than £280,000.

Mr Bibb said: "We're really proud be fundraising for such an important cause."

Home-Start UK head of corporate and fundraising development Anita Frith said: "The money will really help us support more families."

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Double celebrations for diamond couple

A proud Cannock couple – June and Tom Morris

A CANNOCK couple have double celebrations as they pass their diamond anniversary along with an 80th birthday.

It was love at first sight when June and Tom Morris met when they were 12 and 13. They got married at St Lukes and now Mrs Morris is 79 and Mr Morris 80 which he reached a day after their wedding anniversary.

Mr Morris worked as a mine deputy at Littleton Colliery. He was fondly known as Tom the Pom by his workmates because he emigrated to Australia in the 1960s and 70s.

Meanwhile, Mrs Morris worked at Lucas's shoes in Stafford before having children and worked in the school kitchen at Cardinal Griffin RC High School.

The couple had two children, Lesley and Joanne, as well as two grandchildren, Thai Taylor and Jordan Anderson Hyland, but sadly, Joanne died eight years ago.

Their daughter Lesley Morris said: "They both lived on Stafford Road when they were younger and loved to dance together. They still dance now, but a little slower! They are a proud Cannock couple."

Confidence soaring as investment tops £13m

CANNOCK Chase Council helped to gain investment of more than £13 million in the district during 2016-17 – a record amount.

The figure is highlighted in the council's annual report alongside information about achievements and service delivery during the year. The total investment includes funding of £2m for new housing.

By Simon Stone

This was secured from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP).

More than £8m in combined funding was secured from GBSLEP and the West Midlands Combined Authority to further develop Kingswood Lakeside in Cannock.

Improvements to Hednesford Park, the former Cannock Stadium site, and the opening of the 5s Pavilion and Sports Centre have also secured significant funding.

Council leader Councillor George Adamson, said: "The funding amounts set out in the annual report highlight the progress being made in the district. We are working hard to encourage even more investment and improvements in the future."

The annual report also highlights some key statistics for council services, including more than 800,000 visits to leisure centres, nearly 100,000 calls being received by the council's customer services team, more than 3,000 building control inspections and more than 2,000 improvements to council houses.

Tony McGovern, managing director of Cannock Chase Council, said: "The record levels of investment into the district demonstrates the confidence of the private sector and public funding agencies in Cannock Chase. "

The annual report will be approved at the council's cabinet meeting today (Thursday).

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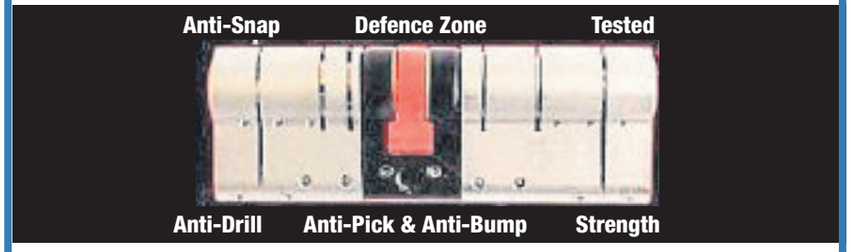

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Plea after theft from elderly man

POLICE are appealing for information after an elderly man had £400 stolen in Cannock.

CCTV stills show a man they want to speak to in connection with the incident.

Police say the thief approached an elderly man outside Cannock Unionist Club in High Green at 12.50pm on Wednesday, September 20.

He asked for a lighter before stealing £400 cash from his wallet and running off into the town centre.

A police spokesman said: "The suspect is a tanned male believed to be of eastern European or Asian ethnicity, aged in his late 30s or early 40s.

"He was last seen wearing a dark brown jacket, blue jeans, and white pumps."

Anyone who witnessed the theft or has any information should contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting reference 351 of September 20 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Police want to speak to this man about the theft

Fraudster is told to pay back £131,000

A BENFITS cheat council worker who stole NHS cash and racked up nearly £200,000 in ill-gotten gains has been ordered to pay back £131,000.

Fiona Slym, of Eagle Close, Cheslyn Hay, was locked up for three-and-a-half years in May after a jury found her guilty of theft while working for Staffordshire County Council.

She later pleaded guilty to fraud in relation to her disability benefits.

It was previously thought her six-year racket was worth between £70,000 and £80,000 but it has now emerged that the 49-year-old mother of two had obtained £192,272.18 illegally.

The figure was revealed during a Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) hearing at Stafford Crown Court. Slym, who appeared via video-link from Derbyshire-based women's prison Foston Hall, was ordered to pay back £131,444 in total.

Slym pocketed £192,272.18 illegally

Slym worked in the council's adult social care office in Cannock, where she handled vulnerable adults' money.

After a trial she was found guilty of pocketing £53,777.72 between March 2009 and June 2014 by cashing cheques for herself that were meant to be paid to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP). While Slym was being investigated her disability benefit claims for her Multiple Sclerosis and arthritis were also put under the microscope.

Out of the money Slym has to pay back, £51,000 which will go to the SSOTP will be taken straight out of her pension fund, while the DWP will get £25,789.20. Mr Jonathan Barker, defending, said she was selling her house to find the cash. Slym is serving three years for theft by employee and a further six months for fraud.

First year for youth commission

THE Staffordshire Youth Commission is toasting its first year of success – and promises more to come.

In its report, the main topics were tackling knife and gang crime, cyber bullying, drug/alcohol abuse and educating youngsters about police work. The Youth Commission was set up in September 2016.

With the aim of helping young people aged 14 to 25 it set out to identify the main issues facing their demographic, as well as influencing decisions about policing and crime prevention in their local area.

While working closely with Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis, who provided the funding, members spoke to more than 1,500 young people.

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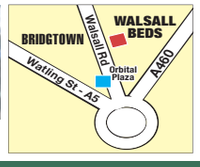

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£100k work on bridge almost complete

Representatives from Cannock Chase Council and the Environment Agency at the site

A £100,000 project to rebuild a collapsed footbridge is on track to be completed.

The bridge, owned by Cannock Chase Council, collapsed in 2012 forcing part of the Chase Heritage Trail to be closed and temporarily diverted.

The work is being carried out alongside the Rugeley Flood Alleviation Scheme, which is under construction at Hagley Park, and due for completion in December.

Cannock Chase Council has provided funding of around £100,000 to enable the bridge to be rebuilt. Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "It was essential that this work took place before the flood alleviation scheme was in place, as any access for repair work would have been difficult afterwards.

"We are delighted that the work on the bridge is nearly complete.

"The playing fields will reopen later in 2018," Councillor Alcott added.

£19.5m care cash blocked

NHS England has blocked £19.5 million worth of health and social care funding for Staffordshire County Council, chiefs have confirmed.

Last month the authority warned that if the money was withheld it would result in a catastrophic winter and, along with three Black Country councils, co-signed a letter asking Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to act.

Council bosses have accused NHS England of setting 'unachievable targets' around reducing delays in discharging patients from hospital and used that as justification to block the financial support referred to as the Better Care Fund (BCF).

They stated they had agreed a funding plan with local NHS chiefs but the national body has rejected it.

Council leader Philip Atkins said: "As a county council we spend a record £300m on health and social care this year and the money from the BCF is vital to support the most vulnerable in our communities at home this winter.

"If the money is withheld we, like other authorities in the same position, have made it clear that there could be a profound impact on health and social care and actually increase the pressure on the NHS." The council is now set to hold further talks with NHS England and Staffordshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Alan White, cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "We remain committed to working with the local NHS to achieve targets set by NHS England and we will continue to work with CCGs to try and ensure that essential services can be funded."

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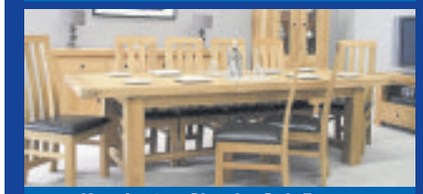
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Campaign centres on controlling behaviour

POLICE want victims to come forward after launching a campaign to raise awareness around controlling and coercive behaviour in relationships.

The Staffordshire force say it is at the heart of domestic abuse featuring a deliberate, calculated pattern of behaviour and psychological abuse designed to isolate, manipulate and terrorise a victim into fearful obedience.

Signs include taking control over aspects of someone's everyday life, such as where they can go, who they can see, what to wear and when they can sleep.

Pressure tactics can include monitoring someone's time or controlling their ability to go to work, while forms of stalking can include monitoring online communication, following someone, going through their mobile, tablet or laptop.

Penalty

Since the end of 2015 a charge can be brought for controlling and coercive behaviour, which imposes a maximum penalty of five years as well as a fine.

Staffordshire Police's campaign entitled 'We're on your side' features partnership working with Staffordshire Women's Aid, the Crown Prosecution Service and criminology expert Dr Jane Monckton-Smith.

DCI Simon Brownsword said: "It is not about a single incident but involves systematic abusive behaviour. While not all of this abuse is violent the result is often that the victim will live in fear."

Dickie James, of Staffordshire Women's Aid, said: "Coercive control is central to domestic abuse, whether or not there is physical violence. It is an abuse of power which can operate 24-hours-a-day, so that victims may live in fear and anxiety for years."

Visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/coercivecontrol for more information.

Toll road pick of the stops

Norton Canes services on the M6 Toll

A SERVICE station on the M6 Toll has been ranked in the top 10 of all establishments across the country.

Roadchef at Norton Canes, was seventh best, according to a survey carried out by watchdog Transport Focus. All 112 service stations across England were surveyed with drivers and passengers asked to rate sites based on toilets, prices and staff friendliness.

The M6 southbound Stafford Services came 111th, finishing only above Heston services eastbound on the M4. The northbound Stafford services, run by Moto, finished in 65th place. The results were compiled after research was carried out with 8,700 service station users.

Each was asked questions in order to give each site a satisfaction rating, with the winner, the Moto run Reading services westbound on the M4, being given a 100 per cent score.

According to the study, 90 per cent of customers said they were satisfied with their service station visit, and the same percentage were happy with the cleanliness of the toilets on site.

Staff friendliness was also rated highly, scoring 94 per cent overall.

Anthony Smith, chief executive at Transport Focus, said: "Ensuring that visitors feel their experience is worth the money paid, that the choice of food is good and the services are welcoming and well-maintained are important areas for motorway service operators to watch."

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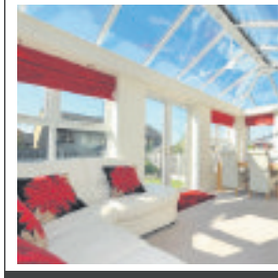

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Station sign under hammer

SIGNS from the disused Alton Towers railway station will go under the hammer as part of a huge auction collection next month.

The station was closed in 1965. The signs are part of a huge collection of historic railway memorabilia discovered in a Wiltshire garage after the death of its owner.

The grade II listed station buildings at Alton Towers were acquired by the Landmark Trust in 1972, with the stationmaster's house converted to holiday lets.

The sale, on November 10 at Chippenham Auction Rooms, Wiltshire, includes more than 250 signs and other items from railways, London Underground and London Transport dating from the early 20th century up to the 1970s.

The sign is among 14 lost railway stations whose signs are to be sold. Other lots include items of railway staff uniforms, badges, clocks, lamps, platform furniture and advertisements.

Principal auctioneer Richard Edmonds with the sign

Blooming great as city wins top prize

LICHFIELD has received the top award in the Heart of England in Bloom 2017 competition.

The accolade endorses the exceptional quality of the city's striking floral displays with judges giving specific recognition to the 'colourful' new planting at Lichfield City railway station, helping to influence their overall decision in the cathedral city's favour.

The awards process involved judges taking a walk through the city, with various stop points featuring floral displays, including Swinfen Hall, the canal and station.

Following problems with vandalism around the station area, Blooming Lichfield chairman Richard Lewis suggested taking part in the competition to boost its appearance for rail users and the community. A key element in the platform displays is a planter inspired by Lichfield Cathedral, constructed in wood, by London Midland Soho depot technician Ben Williams and colleagues Shaun Wright and Clair Smith Wright.

A planter at Lichfield City station

Blooming Lichfield also supported London Midland by providing attractive hanging baskets, while the Tourist Association and Lichfield District Council supplied new planters for installation on the platforms.

Tawhida Yaacoub, London Midland customer service manager for Cross City North said: "Lichfield City station is a real story of transformation and the next steps are to keep the displays looking beautiful as well as adding new winter plants for the coming months."

Faye Lambert, head of community rail at London Midland, said: "This award and the judges' comments on the station displays are a great reminder of what can be achieved when people work together."

Hundreds rev up for bike event

MORE than 370 motorcyclists signed up for next year's Bike4Life in just two days. The first event eight years ago attracted just 154.

Organised by Midlands Air Ambulance the Ride Out takes in a 23-mile route from Meole Brace in Shrewsbury to RAF Cosford, home to the Bike4Life Festival.

This year, 3,500 motorcycles took part in the Ride Out and more than 10,000 attended the festival. With a record initial sign-up, numbers are expected to be even higher on April 22 2018.

Jason Levy, chairman of the organising committee, and fundraising and marketing director for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, said: "As places in the Ride Out are limited, if you're interested, sign up now at www.bike4lifefest.com."

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Keen photographer Neal makes date with nature

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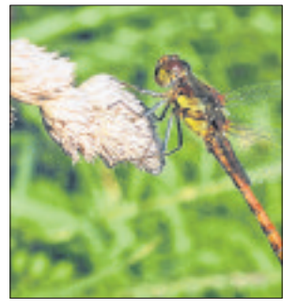
And they all feature in the self-taught amateur photographer's new calendar for 2018.

Also snapped by the father-of-one, who lives in Stafford, has been a bee in flight and a young bird being fed by its mother.

He says has always had a love of nature but two and half years ago he discovered a new passion after making a spontaneous decision to buy a second-hand Fujifilm bridge camera for £100. Mr McIntosh began taking shots of anything that caught his eye on Radford Bank canal in Stafford.

Neal Mcintosh and 2018 calendar



A busy dragonfly takes a rest

A detailed picture of a ladybird

Feeding time for mother and chicks

Strength

He set up a Facebook page to share his work and was one of six photographers to be 'highly commended' by a national newspaper in a nature photography competition, which received more than 100,000 entries.

His hobby has since gone from strength to strength and he has sold canvasses and prints as well as calendars. One of his photos was even chosen for for the wildlife trust's 2018 calendar.

Mr McIntosh, who also sells fridge magnets and greetings cards, said he was delighted at the reaction to his work, having sold out of 2017 calendars.

"The best thing has been the number of people who have said it's made them look a bit closer when they are out in the countryside," he said.

Mr McIntosh is now gearing up for his first major exhibition – 60 of his shots go on display at the Museum of Cannock Chase,Valley Road, Hednesford, from October 23 to December 15.

He said he was looking forward to showing off his photographs and inspiring others through his work. Mr McIntosh, a customer services agent for Argos, has also thanked his father Robin for putting together the display.

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While a visit to Drayton Manor Park won't conjure up feelings of terror on uch a scale, it's clear there is something spooky in the air.

Perhaps it was the giant characters on stilts clad in black or maybe that the Fat Controller's hat is covered in webs. Meanwhile, just yards away, the entrance to Thomas Land is festooned with pumpkins and scarecrows.

Traditional

It's a similar story walking around the park's own little piece of the Island of Sodor. The traditional bunting on the streets and buildings is exclusively orange and black, while giant furry spiders lie in wait among the crates and items of lost luggage on the platform at Knapford Station.

It is all part of the theme park's More Trick Than Treat Halloween event. At lunchtime families line up near the entrance to Thomas Land to play a very special version of Trick or Treat on Sir Topham Hatt with youngsters able to have their picture taken with him.

Four times a day the Fat Controller and colleagues appear on the balcony at Knapford Station to perform a spooky musical show that includes an appearance from Jasper the Ghost.

Halloween actvities include a two-hour pumpkin carving session, Creatures of the Night Animal Shows and Face Your Fears events.

The Halloween theme runs until next Thursday, although some activities will carry on until Sunday. There is of course far more to see around the rest of the park – such as thrill-seeking rides and the zoo. The park is offering a four for £80 ticket when booked in advance, while the four-star Drayton Manor Hotel offers Stay and Play packages that include overnight stay, breakfast and tickets to the park.

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Joan and Bob Jones have benefited from the initiatives to raise awareness of dementia

Alliance boosts care for dementia

DEMENTIA sufferers in Cannock Chase have seen a marked increase in help and awareness thanks to a series of initiatives.

Cannock Chase Council has been working with Staffordshire County Council and voluntary sector agencies towards making the district dementia-friendly and since last July local groups and businesses have come together to form the Cannock Chase Dementia Action Alliance.

The alliance meets on a monthly basis with the intention of establishing a supporting infrastructure. Its key aims are to create an improved and safe environment for those living with dementia, their families and carers.

Highlights over the past 12 months have included a 'dementia friendly' launch event in Cannock town centre, raising awareness of the support available to people living with dementia.

To compliment this, the council has co-ordinated the production of a Dementia What's On Guide and has a number of Dementia Friends Champions who can deliver information sessions.

Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group and a number of GP practices have signed up to the local alliance and have received Dementia Friends training. Havenly Care Ltd has also joined the alliance and has opened a day centre for the elderly in Heath Hayes.

Training

Dementia-friendly activities have been held at Hednesford Park, while library and Museum of Cannock Chase staff have begun to receive Dementia Friends training.

Councillor Muriel Davis, Cannock Chase health and wellbeing leader, said: "It's great to see the amount of work that has been undertaken across the district."

A small amount of funding is still available from the Dementia Action Alliance for local organisations and services to deliver dementia friendly initiatives. For more information contact 01543 464786.

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The Britain in Bloom award is a nationwide gardening competition which gives local community groups the opportunity to showcase their achievements in community participation, maintenance and development and the environment.

Among the criteria is community involvement and support, including the fundraising and events programme linking to the site's development plans.

Projects are also judged on maintenance and development, with the operational work of arboriculture, conservation, groundsmanship and horticulture on the site taken into consideration.

The award is presented by the RHS, with Hednesford Park being honoured with the highest possible accolade.

Judges were impressed with how both the park and the memorial had developed since being given funding from the Heritage Lottery Project and that residents had been consulted on the designs.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio holder for culture and sport said "I am so pleased that Hednesford Park has been awarded gold for Britain in Bloom. The park has been transformed over the last few years and is a beautiful space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

"We have a park to be proud of as this award is testament to that."

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Landowner wins appeal to build farmhouse in green belt

A FARM owner has won an appeal to have new farmhouse built on green belt land.

The owner had been refused permission by South Staffordshire Council to demolish Heath Farm at Vicarage Road in Calf Heath in order to build a new four-bedroom property on land off Stable Lane.

Niall Blackie, lead partner for Town & Country Planning at FBC Manby Bowdler, acted on behalf of the owner, The Inglewood Investment Company, to secure the planning permission.

Tom Follows, of Inglewood, said: "Heath Farm was built some time between 1859 and 1884 alongside a road, which now carries very heavy traffic.

"The farm's old barns have been converted for housing use and the existing farmhouse, which is in very poor condition, is now some distance away from the new working farmstead making it impractical as a building to support an active agricultural business."

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Independent heritage consultant David Burton-Pye said: "We agreed that heritage assets deserve care, but the protection has to be balanced against other factors; my evidence was that Heath Farm was of low significance compared to similar properties with the same classification."

Experts from Savills supported the arguments made by FBC Manby Bowdler. Paul Hutchinson, director of rural, energy & projects division at Savills in Lichfield, said: "The poor condition of the existing farmhouse meant it would be too costly to repair against the potential return on investment for the owner.

"The new four-bedroom property will enhance security and efficiency for the farm operator and provide much improved living conditions."

Oval office at White House in £1.5m plan

CANNOCK'S White House could have its very own Oval Office. Plans for the £1.5m revamp of the building in High Green have been submitted to Cannock Chase District Council.

Anglesey Real Estate, run by businessman Fred Pritchard, obtained the keys to Grade II* former South Staffordshire College building last month and have now lodged the application.

The plans seek to change the use of the Georgian property to create eight apartments, a restaurant, photography studio and a small boutique ideal for beauty business. It will not, however, allow for weddings to take place.

The application also proposes to retain and renovate the existing offices, with one to be used as the headquarters for Anglesey Real Estate and which will be referred to as the Oval Office.

Spooktacular half-term fun on the farm

Ruby Eglington, aged five, picks her pumpkin at Lower Drayton Farm

FAMILIES looking to take a walk on the spooky side can take a trip to a farm near Penkridge.

Lower Drayton Farm is hosting a wealth of spooky fun alongside its usual farm activities from 10am till 4pm on Saturday, October 21, to October 29.

There will also be ghoulish evening events on October 26, 27, 28 and 31 from 6pm. Visitors are encouraged to don their best fancy dress to make the most of their visit.

They will be able to visit the pumpkin patch and carve their own, explore the Maize Maze to find all the scary scarecrows, take part in pumpkin races and see the spooks in the 'haunted house'. They can also meet the farm's friendly animals, let off steam on the adventure playground or take a stroll around the woodland walk before enjoying a farm trailer ride.

For full details on Halloween activities at Lower Drayton Farm, including entry prices, visit www.lowerdrayton-farm.co.uk

Siblings focus of campaign on adoption

A CAMPAIGN has been launched encouraging families interested in adopting siblings to come forward.

Staffordshire County Council's Adoption Service said almost seven of ten children waiting for adoptive families in the West Midlands were brothers and sisters in groups of two or more. The latest campaign is part of this week's National Adoption Week which runs until Sunday.

Mark Sutton, county council cabinet member responsible for children's services, said: "We are particularly looking for adoptive families willing to adopt sibling groups."

Currently waiting for adoption are two girls and a boy, aged five, four and two, who love being outdoors but who also like quiet moments indoors. On their wish list for a new family is a trampoline, being able to sing and dance like Elsa from Frozen and trips to the farm to feed animals.

Also on the waiting list is a brother and sister aged eight and six. They both share an interest of playing outdoors on their scooters. They also enjoy arts and crafts.

Visit www.Staffordshire.gov.uk/adoption, call 0800 169 2061 or visit an an informal information evening tonight (Thursday) and on November 15 at Staffordshire Place 1, Stafford at 7pm.

Fundraiser to go off with a bang

A FIREWORK and bonfire display in aid of the MS Society takes place at Pillaton Hall Farm, Penkridge, on November 4, from 4pm to 11pm.

The fire will be lit at 6.30pm and fireworks start at 7pm. Camping is available. Visit hwww.pillatonpools.co.uk/news/1067/BONFIRE-NIGHT.htm or call 01785 715177.

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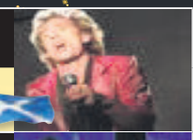

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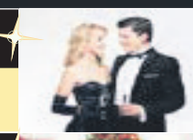

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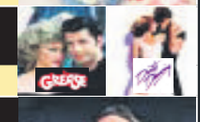

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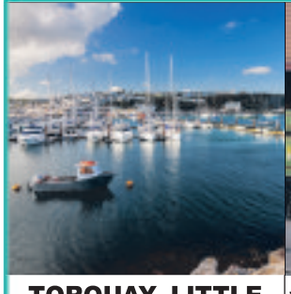

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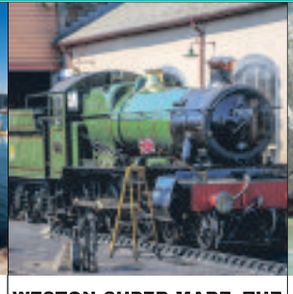

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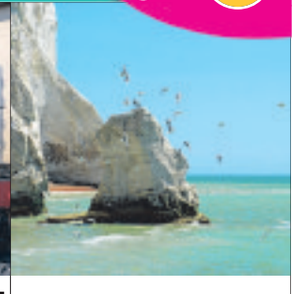

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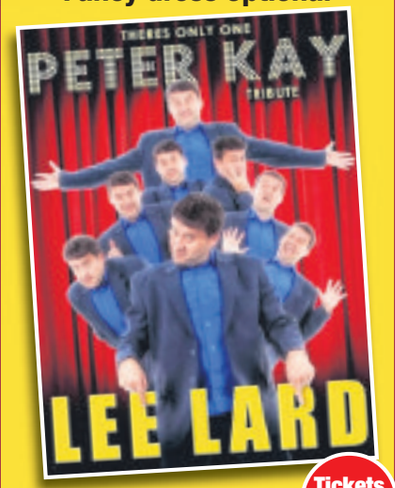

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So he recorded a video of himself tap dancing, showing off skills that few possess. And he sent it to 1,000 people – yes, 1,000. Two of them responded.

"I was lucky, one of those responses led to a TV audition."

The audition was for Holby City and that, in turn, led to an appearance on Strictly Come Dancing. For Tom, at least, the rest is history and he is now one of the biggest stars of the West End. Musical theatre adores the man who won the sixth series of Strictly with partner Camilla Dallerup.

"In this industry, you either have to have a screw loose or be slightly mad. Not giving up for that long and having that never-ending belief that you'll get there requires something a little different. Even now, I still can't quite believe what I'm doing.

"I tried for six years after drama school, I was a barman, pizza delivery, HGV driver . . . You name it. Then I did a tap dance and sent it out to 1,000 people and I got two responses. Everyone was telling me to quit. They were telling me to find another agent. At one point, I even signed up to be a fireman. But then the phone rang offering me a proper TV audition for six years. I took it and things have gone alright since that. But that's the thing, you're so lucky to get work in this industry. You only have to watch X Factor to realise what talents people have."

'Pure enjoyment' – Tom and Charlotte in Crazy For You

Tom is lining up with another Strictly winner, Caroline Flack, who is making her stage debut as 'Irene' in the national tour of Crazy For You. Tom plays her love interest, Bobby, and the show reaches Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to October 28.

Best known to TV audiences for her star-turn on the popular BBC TV series Strictly Come Dancing, Flack won the 12th season of Strictly in 2014. She currently presents ITV's Love Island and her previous presenting credits include I'm a Celebrity . . . Get Me Out of Here NOW! and The Xtra Factor. She has also presented The X Factor. Prior to presenting, Caroline trained in musical theatre.

Tom created the role of Jerry Travers in the West End musical Top Hat, for which he was nominated for an Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical. He can currently be seen in the hit BBC drama Casualty and his other TV credits include Holby City and Waterloo Road. His recent stage credits include Private Lives and White Christmas in the West End.

They will be joined by Charlotte Wakefield in the role of Polly. Charlotte made her West End debut as Wendla in Spring Awakening, for which she was nominated for an Olivier Award. She played Maria in the critically acclaimed production of The Sound of Music at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre receiving nominations for Best Actress in a Musical at both the Evening Standard and Olivier Awards. Her other theatre credits include Sophie in Mamma Mia! in the West End, Truly Scrumptious in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Laurey in Oklahoma!, both on national tour.

Tom says the production is enormous fun. "It's great to be working with Caroline again. I judged her on the Strictly tour after she won it in 2014. I didn't have to wag my finger at her and give her instructions, she was step perfect.

"This is her first musical. She's really purposeful. She didn't want the lead because it's her first one and she didn't want to jump in the deep end. But she's like a box of fireworks. You never what what colour it's going to be next."

Crazy For You is directed by The Watermill's Artistic Director, Paul Hart, with musical arrangements by Catherine Jayes (The Color Purple, Broadway). It is choreographed by Nathan M. Wright (High Society, Old Vic) and is designed by Diego Pitarch (The Addams Family).

It has music and lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin and a book by Ken Ludwig. It was inspired by material by Guy Bolton and John McGowan and was originally produced on Broadway by Roger Horchow and Elizabeth Williams.

Tom says: "Everything is about the casting, get that right and it's half done. In this show, you almost don't know where to look. There's something unique about this show compared to the originals. There's no orchestra or pit, the music's been learnt – imagine that, a whole Gershwin. I have to play the trumpet for four bars but the rest are brilliant. The cast have learned singing, dancing, acting and playing an instrument at the same time. There's tap dancing, spinning and playing clean notes. How you do play a violin cleanly when you're jumping around on the stage?

> *I'd say the Black Country crowd has a brilliant sense of humour*

"Everything you see played on stage is live and real. It makes it very, very exciting. It's pure enjoyment, pure escapism, a big bundle of fun. It's like medicine for the soul."

Tom was drawn to the stage by Crazy For You, which he saw when he was 15 with Ruthie Henshall. "If there was one role in my entire life at the top of my bucket list, it was Bobby. With loads of musicals, the scripts are neither here nor there. But this was written in the 1990s – when the Die Hards and When Harry Met Sally were coming out. The dialogue at that time was great with loads of one-liners. So the audience smile from start to finish. It's a classic boy meets girl, but it's the lengths Bobby goes to that makes it funny, there's a farcical element to it."

Tom is also looking forward to being back in Birmingham, where he played in Top Hat.

"I've done Top Hat and Private Lives too. It's lovely to be back. I'd say the Birmingham and Black Country crowd have a brilliant sense of humour, they're always very warm. Some parts of the country, I can't name them, they're a little bit cooler and reserved, whereas with Birmingham the audience is ready to have a good time from the moment the curtain goes up."

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Simon Lipkin as popular Mr Poppy

Festive favourite in world stage premiere at Rep

NATIVITY! The Musical, a stage show based on a series of popular festive movies created by Birmingham writer and director Debbie Isitt, is bringing Christmas early to Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

Opening with its world premiere tomorrow (Friday), the musical filled with cute children, laughs and popular tunes will run for just over three weeks.

The Nativity series of three films have become family favourites, written and directed by Bafta award winner Isitt. And now she brings to the stage the hilarious story of a school's attempt to stage the best nativity play, led by the exasperated teacher Mr Maddens and his eccentric teaching assistant Mr Poppy, and featuring 27 enthusiastic youngsters – all from the West Midlands.

"Birmingham and the West Midlands has so many talented children and I loved meeting all of them at our auditions," said Isitt.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be working with our sweet and funny young cast and the incredibly talented and hilariously funny musical theatre cast who are going to be brilliant."

After its Birmingham run (until November 12), the show is going on tour to cities including Sheffield, Manchester, Plymouth and Leeds, before a London run which will include a live cinema screening.

The cast includes West End regular Simon Lipkin (Avenue Q, Spamalot, Guys and Dolls) as the barmy Mr Poppy and Daniel Boys as Mr Maddens (Avenue Q and TV's Any Dream Will Do).

For tickets see Birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Civic is back with rock icons Placebo

The gig of the week has to be between the return of Wolverhampton Civic Hall with goth icons Placebo on Saturday night and the ice cool London Grammar at Birmingham O2 Academy on Monday.

London band Placebo, fronted by Brian Molko, pictured, burst onto the music scene 20 years ago with Nancy Boy and went on to work with David Bowie and REM's Michael Stipe. They released seven studio albums, won loyal followings in the UK and France and had hit singles with Pure Morning, You Don't Care About Us and Every You Every Me from their classic Without You I'm Nothing album.

London Grammar, fronted by Hannah Reid, won acclaim for their debut album If You Wait and hit single Strong in 2013, and released second album Truth Is A Beautiful Thing this summer. They will be supported by LA outfit Lo Moon for the sold out Birmingham show.

It's all going on at the O2 Academy tomorrow (Friday) with Dizzee Rascal in the main room and Roachford and Gabrielle Aplin (sold out) in the venue's other rooms. At the same venue Grammy Award-winers Train have sold out their show on Saturday, Atlanta rapper Future plays on Sunday, Marmozets on Monday, The Horrors on Tuesday and Zara Larsson on Wednesday.

Over at the 02 Institute in Digbeth, Bewdley's Becky Hill has sold out her Friday night gig. Metronomy play the venue on Saturday, the same night as MOBO winner Shaka.

Californian singer BANKS visits on Sunday. Electro-punk duo Sleaford Mods play next Thursday.

Emeli Sandé heads to Birmingham's Genting Arena on Wednesday, in support of her second studio album Long Live The Angels.

In Wolverhampton young punks Cabbage play the Slade Rooms tomorrow, whilst WASP celebrate the 25th anniversary of their album The Crimson Idol at the Wulfrun Hall. Former Stranglers frontman Hugh Cornwell is at the Wulfrun on Saturday.

The South play the music of The Beautiful South and feature one of that band's former singers, Alison Wheeler, at Bilston's Robin 2 on Sunday.

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SATURDAY'S TV OCTOBER 21

CHOICE

Kit Harington

Gunpowder (BBC1, 9.10pm)
New series. In 1603, following the death of Elizabeth I, King James of Scotland claims the English throne, and the country goes to war with Catholic Spain. As a result, English Catholics are persecuted and driven into hiding, but after witnessing the brutal means by which the Crown intends to punish his people for practicing their faith, recusant Catholic Robert Catesby devises a treasonous plot to assassinate King James. However, he must first enlist the aid of stalwart allies, and heads to Brussels to seek the help of a hardened war veteran named Guy Fawkes. Three-part historical drama, starring Kit Harington as Catesby – his own ancestor – alongside Liv Tyler, Mark Gatiss, Derek Riddell and Tom Cullen.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45 Film:** Madagascar. (2005) Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **4.05** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 Strictly Come Dancing. Twelve couples remain as the annual dancing competition enters its fifth weekend. The pressure to put in a flawless performance remains as high as ever, as the duos once again take to the stage to demonstrate the routines they have been practising throughout the week. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman are on hand to oversee proceedings, as judges Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood share their thoughts on the couples' steps.

8.20 Casualty. Connie distracts herself from her personal problems by trying to get to the bottom of the squabbles between Dylan, David and Louise, who have been in conflict over Dylan's decision to smuggle Sanosi into the UK. Meanwhile, Lily is made uneasy by the natural chemistry between Sam and Iain, who she discovers have a romantic history together, and Max tries to deliver bad news to mortuary assistant Tara, whose new squeeze seems to have a troubling secret.

9.10 Gunpowder. New series. Historical drama telling the story of the 1603 plot concocted by Robert Catesby and his Catholic co-conspirators to kill James I. Starring Kit Harington and Liv Tyler.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Watford at Stamford Bridge and Huddersfield Town v Manchester United at the John Smith's Stadium. Watford started the season in fine form to take their place in the top half of the table, and were expected to provide an stern examination of Chelsea's title credentials.

12.00 The NFL Show. **12.30** The Weight Cut: Extreme Weight Loss. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Animal Park Summer Special. (R) **7.30** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. (R) **8.00** Deadly 60. (R) **8.30** Show Me What You're Made Of. (R) **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up! **11.00** Walrus: Two Tonne Tusker – Natural World. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. (R) **2.00** Coast. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Mastermind. (R) **4.30** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. (R) **5.30** Anglesey: Island Life.

6.00 Gardeners' World. Monty Don advises on what plants need protection and how to nurture tender plants over the coming months. Plus, Carol Klein celebrates ornamental grasses. Including Weather. (R)

7.00 Coastal Path. Explorer Paul Rose takes in the north Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle, experiencing the hustle and bustle of Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss festival, and visiting St Ives. (R)

7.30 Front Row. Darcey Bussell celebrates the legacy of choreographer Kenneth Macmillan, and Stig Abell interviews Philip Pullman about his new novel The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage.

8.00 Britain Afloat. Mary-Ann Ochota examines the prevalence of the punt, the flat-bottomed vessels first set afloat in the Bronze Age. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. The air-raid wardens have to share the church hall with the Home Guard after their HQ is bombed, but Hodges' men are terribly disruptive and soon cause mayhem. (R)

9.00 Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera. The presenter details how Bizet's Carmen, Puccini's La Boheme, Wagner's Ring Cycle and Richard Strauss's Salome swept away operatic conventions in the 19th and early-20th centuries.

10.00 QI XL. With Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Claudia Winkleman.

10.45 Later – with Jools Holland. With Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, Wolf Alice, Grizzly Bear, Sza and RL Boyce.

11.50 Film: In Our Name. (2010) A British soldier is haunted by her experiences in Iraq, and becomes increasingly paranoid about her daughter's safety. Drama, starring Joanne Froggatt and Mel Raido.

1.15 Film: In the Dark Half. (2012) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.20** Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun. (R) **11.50** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.50** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** ITV Racing: Live from Ascot. Coverage of today's race meeting at Ascot. **5.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **5.30** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.05 ITV News; Weather.

6.20 Cannonball.

7.20 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh invites Jamie Theakston, Faye Tozer, Ben Cohen and Sara Pascoe to take part in the quiz, with thousands of pounds in charity donations up for grabs.

8.20 The X Factor – Judges' Houses. Dermot O'Leary presents as the contest enters the judges' houses stage, which sees the 24 remaining would-be stars jetting off to exotic locales for a taste of the glamour that comes with international stardom. This time, the Boys accompany Louis Walsh to Istanbul, while the Girls follow Sharon Osbourne to San Francisco. Simon Cowell takes the Groups to his villa Chateau Diter near Cannes, and Nicole Scherzinger takes the Overs to South Africa. Each group will receive mentoring from some of the judges' closest confidants, as former X Factor judge Cheryl returns to mentor Simon's ensembles, and Jack and Kelly Osbourne help their mother Sharon with the girls. Nicole will be enlisting the aid of UK grime star Stormzy, while Louis' lads will be mentored by Brit Award-winning singer Mika.

10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show.

11.25 ITV News; Weather.

11.45 Film: Mickey Blue Eyes. (1999)

1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.40** Triathlon: Hever Castle. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.50** The Simpsons. (R) **11.20** The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **2.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **3.50** Best Laid Plans. **4.55** Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Further coverage from the 17th round of the season at Circuit of the Americas in Texas.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman. The presenter explores the Severn, Britain's longest river, which flows through both England and Wales. Along the way, he visits the largest ship graveyard in the country, meets the last practitioners of an unusual form of fishing, and takes part in a coracle regatta. He finally reaches the source of the river, where he meets a local poet. (R)

8.00 Hidden Britain by Drone. Tony Robinson presents the first of two programmes using drones to shoot aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public. Among the locations featured is a village on Salisbury Plain that is not listed on any maps, and is used by the military for training. The drones record an exercise involving tanks storming the area. Other sites include the world's most advanced container port, a Second World War bunker, an abandoned airbase that once housed nuclear weapons, and an 18th-century mansion belonging to a Russian billionaire. (R)

9.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the qualifying session (Start-time 10.00pm), as the drivers contest starting grid positions at Circuit of the Americas in Texas, ahead of the 17th round of the season. Presented by Steve Jones, with analysis by David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan.

11.35 Film: The Iceman. (2012) Fact-based crime drama, starring Michael Shannon

1.25 The Last Leg. (R) **2.20** Hollyoaks. **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors: Future Crime. (R) **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.40** The A-Team. (R) **2.40** The A-Team. (R) **3.40** The A-Team. (R) **4.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Documentary giving an insight into cash-strapped Britain from the perspectives of debtors, creditors and those who collect the payments, including High Court enforcement bailiffs and repossession teams. The series follows each case as it unfolds, recording the thoughts and feelings on both sides, the process of repossession and the impact it has on all involved. (R)

6.40 Film: The Bridge at Remagen. (1969) As Allied forces prepare for a major assault on Germany, a small unit of American soldiers is sent to capture a strategically important bridge over the Rhine – but German forces are determined to prevent the Allied advance, and seek to destroy it. Second World War adventure, starring George Segal, Robert Vaughn, Ben Gazzara and Bradford Dillman. Edited for language.

7.40 5 News Update.

7.45 Film: The Bridge at Remagen. (1969) Concluded.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Bristol City v Leeds United at Ashton Gate, Middlesbrough v Cardiff City at Riverside Stadium, and Millwall v Birmingham City at The Den.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Shrewsbury Town v Fleetwood Town, and Carlisle United v Notts County.

10.30 Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls. (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for sexual content and language.

12.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** Notorious: The Philpott Fire – 5 Years On. (R) **4.00** Killer Schoolgirl: Countdown to Murder. (R) **4.50** Great Scientists. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Beck: The Family **10.30** Beck: The Invasion **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.20** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.20** Wild China **3.20** Close

ITV2
11.25 The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge **1.30** Take Me Out **2.55 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **5.05 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **6.45 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **7.45** FYI Daily **7.50 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** Timewasters **1.30** Bromans **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.15 FYI Daily **11.20 Film:** The Nun's Story (1959) **12.55** Lewis **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
12.00 Football Rivalries **12.10** The Darts Show **12.45** World Series of Darts Live: Germany. Coverage of the opening session of the second day of the inaugural staging of the tournament. **5.00** Nijinsky's Triple Crown **5.05** Pawn Stars **7.00** World Series of Darts Live: Germany. Coverage of the semi-finals and final of the inaugural staging of the tournament. **11.00 Film:** Conan the Destroyer (1984) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Conan the Destroyer (1984) **1.05** The Sweeney **2.05** The Classic Car Show **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Die Hard (1988) **11.40** Gogglebox **1.50** Rude Tube **3.15** Tattoo Fixers **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4
11.00 Siege of the Saxons (1963) **1.00** Step Up 4: Miami Heat (2012) **2.55** Marmaduke (2010) **4.40** The House of Magic (2013) **6.20** Hulk (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Eric Bana. **9.00** Thor (2011) Fantasy adventure, starring Chris Hemsworth. **11.15** Machete Kills (2013) **1.25** The Hole (2009) **3.20** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV OCTOBER 22

CHOICE

Angela Scanlon

Robot Wars (BBC2, 8pm)
New series. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present a new format for the contest. Among the new twists are a new hazard that fills the arena with fog, Robot Redemption rounds, in which losing teams have a chance to get back into the contest, and the show's biggest ever battle, the Ten Robot Rumble, in which 10 teams battle to the death with no time limit.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Eat Well for Less? (R) **5.50** BBC News.
6.05 Regional Programme.
6.15 Countryfile. John Craven and Margherita Taylor present the show from Cornwall, where they attend a food festival dedicated to using every part of an animal, visit a vineyard with unusual origins, and meet a writer who is trying to preserve the Cornish language. Plus, Adam Henson reports on soya farming and Tom Heap examines calls to suspend public rights of way.
7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's public vote, which is combined with the judges' scores to reveal the two lowest scoring couples. Both pairs will compete in a dance-off to decide which of them will be eliminated from the contest. With music from Irish rock band the Script.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Senate House in Bloomsbury, where experts meet a man who has flown in from Antwerp to get a carved whale bone scrimshaw valued. Other items featured in the show include a brick that survived the Great Fire of London and a stuffed artist's model used by some of 19th-century Paris's most famous painters.
9.00 The Last Post. Drama about military police and their families in a 1960s British colony on the Red Sea coast.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at Wembley Stadium and Everton v Arsenal at Goodison Park.
11.30 NFL Highlights. Arizona Cardinals v Los Angeles Rams. Caroline Barker introduces action.
12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.30 Film:** Suspicion. (1941) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant. **3.05** Northern Italy Unpacked. (R) **4.05** Flog It! **5.00** H is for Hawk: A New Chapter – Natural World. (R)
6.00 Top Gear. Chris Harris and Sabine Schmitz compete in a buggy race across the Californian desert that is one of the toughest events in motorsport, and Matt LeBlanc test drives new supercar the Ford GT. (R)
7.00 Colombia with Simon Reeve. The presenter explores the country as 50 years of civil war draws to a close in the wake of a recently signed peace deal. He meets guerrilla fighters who have pledged to lay down arms, but also discovers a negative consequence of their disarming, as the paramilitary gangs that control the drugs trade grow in power. Simon travels through the country with coca farmers, who discuss the government support they will need in the turbulent times ahead, as poverty and land ownership becoming pressing issues. (R)
8.00 Robot Wars. New series. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present a new format for the contest featuring a Ten Robot Rumble, in which 10 teams battle to the death with no time limit.
9.00 Louis Theroux: Dark States – Murder In Milwaukee. The reporter examines gun crime and racial tensions in the US city, meeting the police department's homicide officers and families of people who have been shot. Last in the series.
10.00 Snowfall. Franklin is determined to recover his stolen money and get revenge on the people who took it, and Leon knows someone who might be able to help him achieve his goals.
10.45 Mock the Week. James Acaster, Ed Byrne, Gary Delaney, Ivo Graham and Zoe Lyons join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the comedy show. (R)
11.20 Film: Glory. (1989)
1.15 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.15** Holby City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Amazing Animal Births. (R) **11.25** Robson Green's Coastal Lives. (R) **11.55** Bigheads. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** The X Factor – Judges' Houses. (R) **2.55 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) **4.35** Victoria. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Ben Shephard invites Katie Price, Alison Hammond and Marc Baylis to take part in a special edition of the quiz show, in which they must answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Dropping tokens down a choice of four chutes, they hope to knock piles of them off a moving shelf – and the more they collect, the better their chances of collecting the £20,000 prize for their selected charity.
7.00 The X Factor – Judges' Houses. The Judges' House phase continues, with the acts jetting off overseas to perform for their mentors in the hope of winning a place in the live shows. Each coach has a guest judge on hand to help them – Louis Walsh and Mika assess the boys in Istanbul, Simon Cowell and Cheryl teach the groups in France, Nicole Scherzinger and Stormzy take the overs to South Africa, and Sharon Osbourne is joined by her children Jack and Kelly to oversee the girls in San Francisco.
9.00 Your Song. Emma Willis presents a one-off special in which members of the public receive private performances from their favourite stars, including Rita Ora, Paloma Faith and James Arthur.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 Liar. (R)
12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Kevin Can Wait. **6.45** Kevin Can Wait. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie's Quick & Easy Food. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00 Film:** Rango. (2011) Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp. **4.10** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)
6.35 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Build-Up. A look ahead to today's Grand Prix, which takes place at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, and serves as the 17th round of the season. Presented by Steve Jones.
7.35 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live. Steve Jones presents coverage of the 17th race of the season (Start-time 8.00pm), held at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Lewis Hamilton has dominated the second half of the campaign, as main rival Sebastian Vettel has been beset by problems. The Mercedes driver could clinch the drivers' title this evening, starting the race with a 59-point cushion, although there are still 100 points available, and victory for Vettel would narrow the gap ahead the next race in Mexico. With analysis by David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan.
10.10 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix Live Reaction. Steve Jones, David Coulthard, Mark Webber and Eddie Jordan analyse this evening's race, which served as the 17th round of the season.
11.15 Film: Child 44. (2015) A secret police agent in 1950s Russia hunts for a serial child murderer in the face of an official cover-up. Detective thriller, starring Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman.
1.40 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Lisbon. (R) **2.05** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. The Time Team presenter treks along the ancient Roman road, Dere Street. Last in the series. (R) **3.00** Gillette World Sport. Global sports action. **3.30** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.55** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two first-time buyers. (R) **5.20** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free. (R) **5.35** Countdown. With Adrian Chiles in Dictionary Corner. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.20** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. **8.00** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.15** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.40** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **9.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **10.00** The Great South Run 2017. **12.15** The A-Team. (R) **1.15** The A-Team. (R) **2.15** The A-Team. (R) **3.20** The A-Team. (R) **4.20 Film:** Daddy Day Camp. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. **5.20** 5 News Update. **5.25 Film:** Daddy Day Camp. (2007) Concluded.
6.05 5 News Weekend.
6.10 Film: Left Behind. (2014) The world is plunged into chaos when millions of people suddenly disappear. An airline pilot tries to save the remaining passengers on his flight, while on the ground, his daughter tries to find out if her mother and brother are among those who have vanished. Fantasy adventure based on the series of novels by Jerry B Jenkins and Tim LaHaye, starring Nicolas Cage and Lea Thompson.
8.05 Film: Poseidon. (2006) A cruise ship capsizes in a tidal wave on New Year's Eve. A small band of survivors, including a professional gambler, a father searching for his missing daughter, a stowaway and a suicidal man who has regained his will to live, battles to get to the surface and escape the sinking vessel. Remake of 1970s disaster movie The Poseidon Adventure, starring Kurt Russell, Richard Dreyfuss and Josh Lucas.
9.05 5 News Update.
9.10 Film: Poseidon. (2006) Concluded.
10.00 Film: 2012. (2009) A scientist learns the world is soon to face a global cataclysm that will wipe out the human race, but finds the US president has plans to secretly save a fraction of the population, leaving everyone else to die. A writer learns of this scheme, and as the world is devastated by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, he tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, with John Cusack.
1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **4.00** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **4.50** Great Scientists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Jacqueline du Pre: A Gift Beyond Words **9.00** Hamlet from Glyndebourne **11.50** Jacqueline du Pré plays Dvorak's Cello Concerto **12.40** Classic Cellists at the BBC **1.40** The Brontes at the BBC **2.40** The Story of Scottish Art **3.40** Close
ITV2
11.05 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.35** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.50** Take Me Out **12.50** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.25 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **2.25** FYI Daily **2.30 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **3.00 Film:** Corpse Bride (2005) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Corpse Bride (2005) **4.45 Film:** The Haunted Mansion (2003) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50 Film:** The Haunted Mansion (2003) **6.25 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.00** Through the Keyhole **2.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
12.45 Film: The Railway Children (1970) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55 Film:** The Railway Children (1970) **3.00 Film:** Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) **5.05** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** The Syndicate **10.05** Honest **11.10 Film:** Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) **1.10** The Knock **2.05** Mr Selfridge **2.55** Lewis **4.30** Judge Judy **5.10** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.00 Shed and Buried **11.55** Pawn Stars **12.50 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.00 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Rio Bravo (1959) **5.50** Hornblower **8.00** The Chase Celebrity Special **9.00 Film:** Last Man Standing (1996) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Last Man Standing (1996) **11.05** Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera **12.05 Film:** United 93 (2006) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10 Film:** United 93 (2006) **2.15** Tommy Cooper **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00 Film:** Captain Ron (1992) **3.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.15** Naked Attraction **12.20** Tattoo Fixers **1.25** Rude Tube **2.30** Don't Tell the Bride **3.20** Hollyoaks

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Tears of the Sun, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A veteran lieutenant leads an elite Navy Seal team on an undercover mission to evacuate a doctor from crisis-torn Nigeria. However, the brutality of the conflict prompts the rescuers to disobey orders and intervene to save the lives of helpless refugees. Action drama, starring Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci, Cole Hauser and Eamonn Walker. (2003)

TUESDAY
Abducted: The Jocelyn Shaker Story, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A seven-year-old is abducted from a Colombian resort and her parents must risk everything to bring her home again. Thriller, starring Kathleen Rose Perkins, Luis Fernando Hoyos and Marcela Mar. (2016)

WEDNESDAY
The Good Witch's Destiny, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Cassandra Nightingale prepares to celebrate her birthday, hoping to bring as many of her friends and family together as possible. While investigating her family history, she discovers a story of a curse connected to the mysterious disappearance of her great aunt. Drama sequel, the sixth film in the Good Witch series, starring Catherine Bell. (2013)

Tears of the Sun, Monday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

THURSDAY
A Sunday Horse, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A determined horse rider strives to become a success in the sport, despite limited resources for training. Her career is seemingly ended by a near fatal accident, but she resolves to recover from her injuries and make a comeback by riding in the US national jumping championship. Fact-based drama, starring Nikki Reed and Linda Hamilton. (2015)

FRIDAY
Middle Men, Channel 4, 12.10am
Two men approach a slick businessman to help them put together the first porn website on the internet. He comes up with grander plans than they had ever envisaged and soon the money is rolling in. However, with success comes the unwanted attention of the FBI, conmen, corrupt politicians and gangsters. Fact-based comedy drama, with Luke Wilson. (2009)

Piers returns to get the inside story once again

Love him or loathe him, you can't argue that Piers Morgan is well connected and usually manages to extract some juicy information out of his guests.

His chat show Life Stories returns tonight and his first guest is another cracker who drops plenty of bombshells to the journalist and broadcaster.

Actress Kim Cattrall made her film debut in Otto Preminger's 1975 film Rosebud. She then went on to star in Porky's (1982), Police Academy (1984), Big Trouble in Little China (1986), Mannequin (1987), Masquerade (1988) and Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991).

However, the Liverpool-born British-Canadian is best known for her role as Samantha Jones in the HBO series, Sex and the City from 1998-2004 for which she received five Emmy and four Golden Globe nominations, winning the Golden Globe in 2004.

She reprised the role in the spin-off films Sex and the City (2008) and Sex and the City 2 (2010).

Since 2014, the 61-year-old has starred in the HBO Canada series, Sensitive Skin, playing Davina Jackson, a middle-aged woman who is having difficulty with growing old having been a noted beauty in her youth. And as well as appearing on TV and film, she is also an accomplished stage actress, and starred in the original Broadway production of Wild Honey, plus Antony and Cleopatra at the Liverpool Playhouse, Private Lives, and Sweet Bird of Youth at London's Old Vic in 2013.

Cattrall's private life has also kept her in the headlines.

She has been married three times to Larry Davis, Andre J Lyson and Mark Levinson, the latter with whom she co-wrote the 2002 book Satisfaction: The Art of the Female Orgasm.

She also took part in the BBC One documentary series Who Do You Think You Are? in 2009, where she discovered her grandfather George Baugh was a bigamist.

Despite an eventful life on and off the screen and stage, to millions of fans, Cattrall will always be the self-proclaimed "try-sexual" man-eater Samantha.

And it's her conversation with Morgan about the Sex and the City franchise that has caused a media storm over the last few weeks.

Cattrall and her SATC co-stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon have spent years combating rumours that there was feuds between the four of them.

But when asked about her decision to turn down a role in Sex and the City 3, she denies shutting down production with her over-the-top demands, claiming the cast have a "toxic" relationship and that "Sarah Jessica Parker could have been nicer."

On her relationship with SJP, she also says: "I don't know what her issue is, I never have."

Despite her most famous character, Samantha, appearing to have run her course, if this interview is anything to go by, Cattrall is determined to carry on regardless.

Kim Cattrall guests on Piers Morgan's Life Stories, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
BBC2, 9pm
The Elizabethan era was a time of great innovation. The pencil, bottled beer, the telescope, the knitting machine, the flush toilet and frozen chickens were all invented during the 1500s. But did you know that the reign of Elizabeth I also saw the creation of the first secret service? In the late 16th century, Britain was Europe's pariah – a protestant island on the northern edge of a catholic continent. England had no police force, nor even a standing army. Into this maelstrom stepped two civil servants, William Cecil and his son Robert, who devised and ran a semi-private secret state. They introduced Britain to the art of 'spyery', foiling countless plots against Elizabeth's life and eliminating their rivals – by killing them if necessary. In this one-off documentary, historical experts explore the politics and positioning around the Queen – a game with the highest stakes, where a false move could lead to death.

TUESDAY
The End of the F***g World**
Channel 4, 10.20pm
Despite what you might think after seeing the attention-grabbing title of this new series, this isn't a political documentary describing the behaviour of various nuclear powers, but is in fact a darkly comic drama – and a rather promising one, no less. It will doubtless prove controversial, but this should't put viewers off – it looks great, and boasts a sterling supporting cast including BAFTA-winner Wunmi Mosaku and Game of Thrones' Gemma Whelan. It follows teenaged outsiders James (Alex Lawther, Black Mirror) and Alyssa (Jessica Barden, The Lobster): the former a loner with violent fantasies; the latter a disaffected admirer. But while Alyssa sees a kindred spirit, he merely sees a potential victim.

WEDNESDAY
Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke
Channel 4, 8pm
In the second episode, George Clarke is joined by leading architects to help transform a house belonging to Nick and Sonia, an appallingly designed flat spread over three dysfunctional car parking spaces. George charges award-winning architects Abigail Ashton and Andrew Porter with creating something beautiful from this monstrosity. But working with a budget of £75,000, can they transform this foul flat into a proper home with two floors? And what will the pair's neighbours make of the drastic changes?

THURSDAY
Bargain-Loving Brits in Blackpool
Channel 5, 8pm
New series. Documentary following Britons living the high life on a low budget in one of the country's favourite resorts, from holiday-makers to those who have made the Lancashire town their home. Entertainer Simon Green - aka Betty Legs Diamond - talks about his life as a drag queen, and Scottish sisters Agnes and Margaret get more than they bargained for as part of their holiday package. Meanwhile, Jamie Diggins, who works as an estate agent for caravans, takes delivery of a static home that costs an amazing £280,000.

Tracey Breaks the News, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

FRIDAY
Porridge
BBC1, 8.30pm
The jury remains out on whether writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, the men behind the original 1970s series featuring Ronnie Barker, were wise to attempt a modern incarnation of this comedy, but at least these later episodes allow them to exercise plot lines now that the new characters have been established. In this instalment, Dougie Parfitt wants Fletch to join his crew as his consigliere. However, when Fletch tries to broker a peace with Dougie's arch rival, things don't quite go according to plan.

Tracey Breaks the News
BBC1, 9.30pm
New series. Greg James and Dotty host a lively mix of entertainment from the refurbished BBC Television Centre in White City, with American singer-songwriter Jason Derulo joining the pair to co-host the opening show, as well as perform two numbers.

BRAIN GYM

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Codeword

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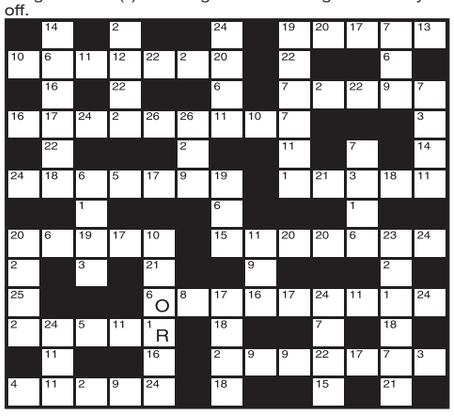

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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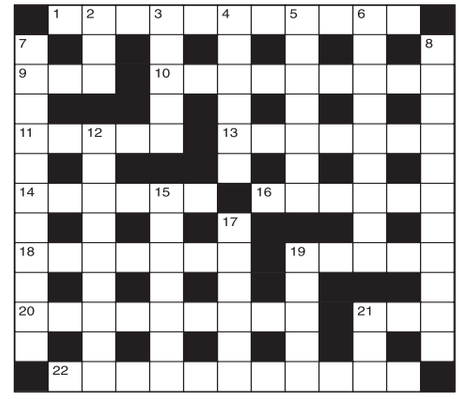
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Centre cross is made with precision (11)
9. Steal from Roy? (3)
10. Fill up net in abundance (9)
11. Foreign article includes untruth (5)
13. Do they obliterate series of games? (7)
14. Danger where things grow (6)
16. Softening of elevations and depressions? (6)
18. Somehow brings streams under control (7)
19. Wise men for a long time in the ship (5)
20. Ran back to sailor telling story (9)
21. Reverence for article you and I have (3)
22. Mine got more into the assembly place (7-4)

Down

2. Alternative letter in sphere (3)
3. Libertine half seen to mature (5)
4. Makes happier - usually three at a time (6)
5. Distinguished for being unskilled (7)
6. Grief's fun when in pain! (9)
7. Great manner for organisation (11)
8. Parsimonious and prepared to fight, perhaps (5-6)
12. Held back through shyness? (2,7)
15. A gentle, refined disposition (7)
17. Appoint as indication (6)
19. Put up to play jokes on you and me as a sweetener (5)
21. Bother about the year that never was? (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Have new owner (6,5)
9. Skill (3)
10. Likeness (9)
11. Swarthy (5)
13. Dexterity (7)
14. Give work to (6)
16. Reach (6)
18. Ease (7)
19. Open (5)
20. Issuing (9)
21. In the past (3)
22. Alarmingly (11)

Down

2. Very warm (3)
3. Objectionable (5)
4. Entangle (6)
5. Disease (7)
6. Blacken (9)
7. Unfeeling (4-7)
8. Journey's end (11)
12. Entreating (9)
15. Outdoor (4-3)
17. Disclaimer (6)
19. Instrument (5)
21. Everything (3)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Elms; 3 Indolent; 9 Rhyming; 10 Error; 11 Perfect pitch; 13 Alight; 15 Agreed; 17 Ten-gallon hat; 20 Extra; 21 Indulge; 22 Tear-drop; 23 Asps.
Down: 1 European; 2 Mayor; 4 Nights; 5 Opening words; 6 Earache; 7 Tory; 8 Rider Haggard; 12 Editress; 14 Inertia; 16 Albino; 18 Holds; 19 Left.
QUICK - Across: 1 Sobs; 3 Allusion; 9 Respond; 10 Admit; 11 Misadventure; 13 Lessen; 15 Willow; 17 Complication; 20 Upper; 21 Baleful; 22 Strident; 23 Arid.
Down: 1 Scramble; 2 Basis; 4 Ledger; 5 Unattainable; 6 Immoral; 7 Note; 8 Good-tempered; 12 Dwindled; 14 Stopper; 16 Ribbon; 18 Infer; 19 Fuss.

Quiz

1. Of which range is Mount Toubkal the highest mountain?
2. Which dynasty's family home is at Hyannis Port?
3. How old was Anna Paquin when she won an Oscar?
4. Which Thomas Mann novel is set in a Swiss sanatorium?
5. Which Italian monk was born Giovanni di Bernardone?
6. Which British animator has won four Oscars?
7. Of which band was Brian Jones an original member?
8. In British folklore, which fairy rules over men's dreams?
9. Whose palace of Nonsuch was excavated at Epson in 1959?
10. In which South American city did Lady Thatcher pass out during a speech?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 David Platt; 2 Horatio Nelson; 3 Basic English; 4 Antelope; 5 The rand; 6 North Korea; 7 Volkswagen; 8 Greta Garbo; 9 Bloomsbury Group; 10 Conkers.

Niner: GRANDIOSE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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1567 gives a second seaside feature,
623183 gives a third seaside feature.

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With double glazing and gas central heating, it has a central reception hall, a lounge, dressing room, two en-suites, a cloakroom/WC, a first floor family bathroom, a second floor study landing, two second floor bedrooms, a dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility room, three first floor bedrooms, a detached double garage, well stocked gardens and extensive off road parking.

The lounge has a feature limestone fireplace housing a natural flame gas fire and double doors leading to the dining room.

Bedroom one has an archway to a dressing room with a wardrobe and additional wardrobe. It also has an en-suite part tiled bathroom. Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes and an en-suite shower room.

Bedroom three has a range of built-in wardrobes, a bed recess with high level storage cupboards over and bedside cabinets.

There is a part tiled bathroom with a corner bath and a shower cubicle.

On the second floor is bedroom four with built-in wardrobes with high level storage cupboards over. Bedroom five has a Velux roof light and loft access.

Outside, the detached double garage has power, light and loft storage.

There are well stocked private gardens incorporating extensive lawns, a garden pool, numerous mature ornamental trees and shrubs, a paved terrace and pathways, side gated pedestrian access to both sides of the main building, brick built barbeque, timber decked patio, decorative gravelled areas, arbour, close board fencing/screen hedging.

CALF HEATH £549,950

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- Extended 3 storey accommodation
- 5 bedrooms
- Popular south Staffordshire village
- Well stocked gardens

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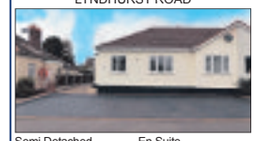

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£695 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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SPRING STREET

Semi Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£695 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WOLVERHAMPTON
RUDYARD CLOSE

Semi Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Driveway, Garage, Rear Garden, EPC Rating C

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HEATHGAP ROAD

Detached Lounge Diner, Kitchen, Utility, Study, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Garage, Rear Garden, EPC Rating D

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HAWTHORNE ROAD

Semi Detached House, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating D

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STAGBOROUGH WAY

Semi Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Garden, Garage, Driveway, EPC Rating D

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Guest WC, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Parking, EPC Rating C

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HOLT CRESCENT

Town House, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, New Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garden, Parking, EPC Rating C

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
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Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WIMBLEBURY
FOXTAIL WAY

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3 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

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- Entrance hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (78)

£695pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

16 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In A Popular Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For Facilities

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Security phone intercom
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no DSS or pets
- EPC rating B (82)

£525PCM

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Refitted extended breakfast kitchen
- Lounge/dining area
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (64)

£650pcm

7 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Semi detached garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (73)

£635pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

23 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating C (78)

£525 pcm

APARTMENT 9 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & bathroom
- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£550pcm

5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (80)

£575pcm

6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: E (42)

£750pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

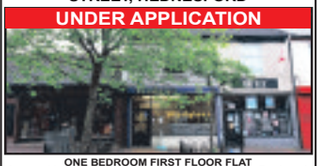
SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD

UNDER APPLICATION



ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

12 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOUSE Convenient For Town Centre And Train Station

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£525pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

20 HAYMAKER WAY, WIMBLEBURY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£695pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
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WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF STAFFORD
Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Open plan fitted dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and family bathroom
- Integral garage and landscaped garden
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating B (83)

£329,950 FREEHOLD

THE COACH HOUSE, 13 BRAMWELL DRIVE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

WELL APPOINTED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM COACH HOUSE STYLE RESIDENCE Located In Rapidly Maturing Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Wide Range of Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Private Garden
- Fully double glazed & gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating tbc

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8 HANNAFORD WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Popular Position For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Entrance lobby & landing
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower
- Separate toilet
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (70)

£96,950

21 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD

EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH SECURE SIDE GATED DDRIVE/ PARKING AREA
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient for Facilities at Hednesford Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Garage and secure side gated drive
- Intruder alarm
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

208 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of Cannock Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Reception hall
- Cloaks/shower room
- Lounge
- Open plan refitted dining/family/kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Built on garage and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fuilly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

33 MAYCROFT CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Adjoining Open Space/Nature Reserve with Facilities Available at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

£219,000 FREEHOLD

40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE located In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
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- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£146,950

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- L shaped lounge/ dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£219,950 FREEHOLD

7 THE POPLARS, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW LOCATED IN POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC Convenient For Local Facilities and Access to Cannock and Hednesford Town Centres

- Side entrance
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Wet room shower room
- Garden
- Off road parking
- Park double glazed
- No chain
- EPC rating F (37)

£105,000 FREEHOLD

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Vestibule
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- Five bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£385,000 FREEHOLD

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Walsall Road, Norton Canes

NEW

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Mountside Street, Hednesford

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Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Large Kitchen / Diner	EPC E

York Road, Cannock

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC D

Curlew Hil, Cannock

REDUCED

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Tandem Garage
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Fully Renovated	EPC E

Rectory Gardens, Rugeley

Offers Around £155,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Matthews Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £157,500

Mid Terraced Property	Shared Ownership Property
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Brand New	Awaiting EPC

Forge Close, Churchbridge

Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property	Popular Location
Three Bedrooms	No Chain
Side Garage	Awaiting EPC

Midhurst Drive, Hednesford

NEW

Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Property	Utility
Three Bedrooms	Front & Rear Gardens
Kitchen	EPC D

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Tixall Road, Stafford

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

Church Road, Rugeley

Detached Property
Five Bedrooms
Three Bathrooms
Three Reception Rooms
Detached Double Garage
EPC C

Offers Over £450,000

School Road, Norton Canes

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

Badgers Way, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £190,000

Link Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Wrap things up by Christmas

River View, Penkridge

Offers Around £195,000

New Build	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £210,000

Detached Property	Integral Garage
Three Bedrooms	Private Rear Garden
Kitchen/Breakfast	EPC D

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

Offers Around £230,000

Well Presented Cottage	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Well Maintained Gardens
Lounge	EPC E

The Leas, Featherstone

NEW

Offers Around £235,000

Semi Detached Property	Off Road Parking
Five Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Utility Room	EPC D

Rowan Drive, Handsacre

Offers Around £240,000

Detached Bungalow	Bathroom
Two Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

New Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £275,000

Four Apartments	Parking To Rear
Good Sized Living Area	Frehold Investment
Fully occupied rent £19,440 p/a	EPC D

Rugeley Road, Hazelslade

Offers Around £375,000

New Build Detached Property	Two En Suites
Four Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Choice of Kitchen	Awaiting EPC

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NORTON CANES
WALLACE CLOSE

NEW

- A refurbished three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway, garage
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating D

£185,000

CANNOCK
RUDYARD WAY

NEW

- A modern three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Guest cloakroom, lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking and garage
- EPC rating C

£189,950

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

NEW

- A traditional two bedroom property
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Viewing recommended
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating G

£132,000

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD

NEW

- A two bedroom detached bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating

£174,950

LAPLEY
SUNNY BANK PARK

NEW

- A well presented two bedroom park home
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Utility
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Garden
- Viewing recommended

£76,500

HEDNESFORD
PYE GREEN ROAD

NEW PRICE

- A unique and spacious 4 bedroom
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Study, games room
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Additional loft room
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

£299,950

CANNOCK
RUMER HILL ROAD

NEW PRICE

- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner, Kitchen/diner
- Guest cloakroom, utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£230,000 Offers Over

HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH

- A modern one bedroom apartment
- Double glazed and electric heating
- Modern open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Ideal investment
- EPC rating B

£79,950

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£134,950

CANNOCK
ST AIDANS ROAD

- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£124,950

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

£199,950

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

- An immaculate one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted shower room
- Communal gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

£74,950

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- Town Centre Location
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Set In Gated Secure Complex
- Built Approximately 2 Years Ago

£225,000

REDUCED

Mersey Cottage, Arimitage Road, Rugeley

One Bedroom Cottage

- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen / Bathroom
- Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden leading to Canal Mooring

£105,000

Burnthill Lane Rugeley

A Four Bedroom Executive Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Integral Garage

£245,000

Penk Drive North, Rugeley

Three Storey, Detached, Three Bedroom House

- Gas Central Heating
- Cavity Wall Insulation
- Panoramic Views in Desirable Location
- Integral Garage, Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

£179,950

Ti-Arwil, Keystone Lane, Rugeley

Trtaditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Part Double Glazed
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens & Driveway Parking
- Single Car Garage & Outside W.C

£163,000

Hednesford Road, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Traditional Detached House

- Three Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Detached Workshop and sheds
- Driveway & Large Rear Garden

£215,000

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- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Guest W.C
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking to Front

£600 PCM

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TO LET

Main Road Brereton Rugeley

A Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment

- UPVC Double Glazed
- Electric Storage Heating
- Bedroom With En-Suite
- Lounge With Open Plan Kitchen
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£440 PCM

TO LET

Beechmere Rise Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Split Level Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Utility
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£750 PCM

TO LET

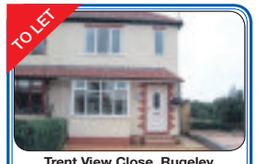
Fernwood Drive, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazed Windows
- Bathroom, Kitchen, Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Garage

£600 PCM

TO LET



Trent View Close, Rugeley

A Two Bedroom Semi-detached House

- Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Driveway and parking to front
- Enclosed rear garden

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Wood Lane
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Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

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Immaculately presented five bedroom detached house / Stunning ground floor extension to rear / Further kitchen space & generous living room with dining & sitting areas / Modern bathroom & en-suite

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HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Finished to high standard / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Re-fitted en-suite / Private rear garden

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MUST BE VIEWED ●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●/ Four bedroom detached house set within a quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway with parking for three-four vehicles / Large well appointed luxury bathroom

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Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom semi detached house / Extended to both front & rear / Useful loft conversion offering storage space / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£220,000

Woodfield Drive
NORTON CANES

Two bedroom link detached bungalow / End of a quiet cul-de-sac / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge / Charming private rear garden / Garage and a driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£220,000

Railway Street
NORTON CANES

Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear

Offers in Excess of £210,000

Eden Close
HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on good sized corner plot / Situated within quiet cul-de-sac location / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Off road parking for three vehicles

Offers in Excess of £200,000

Fisher Street
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION / Spacious lounge / Double bedrooms / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Driveway with ample parking

£187,000

The Lindens
RUGELEY

Well presented three bedroom town house / Situated down quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Set over three storeys / Modern open plan dining kitchen / Top floor master

Offers in Excess of £185,000

Fieldhouse Road
HEDNESFORD

Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Good sized bedrooms / Charming private rear garden with a superb games room/bar

£159,995

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD

Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and Sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

£150,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD

Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / ●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●● / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom traditional terraced house / Spacious lounge and open plan dining kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for three vehicles / Potential for a loft

£140,000

Cross Street
CHESLYN HAY

Immaculately presented two bedroom duplex apartment / Delightful 19th century building / Sympathetically renovated and developed / Two allocated parking spaces and a large garage.

£137,500

Glovers Hill Court
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Immaculately presented two bedroom top floor apartment / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Off road allocated parking and visitor spaces

Offers in the Region Of £110,000

Old School Mews
BRERETON

Character one bedroom semi-detached mews property / Allocated parking space to the rear / Feature log burner in the open plan lounge diner / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£100,000

Uxbridge Street
HEDNESFORD

Two bedroom mid terraced property / Dining room & kitchen / Small rear courtyard with shed & fenced borders

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Greenslade Grove
HEDNESFORD

Well presented two bedroom first floor maisonette set in a peaceful location / Refurbished throughout / Off road allocated parking / New fitted modern kitchen

Offers in Excess of £90,000

Heather Road
HEDNESFORD

Self contained one bedroom first floor maisonette / Superb location on the fringe of Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty / Spacious lounge, / Double bedroom / Private rear garden

£75,000

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Offers in The Excess Of £425,000

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Two En-Suites
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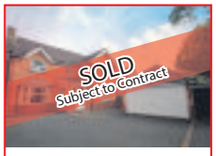
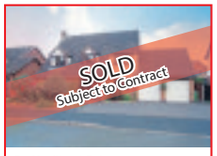


Virginia Drive,
- Massive detached property
- Four large bedrooms
- Tastefully extended
- Huge dimensions throughout
- Loft conversion potential
- Cul de sac location

Offers in region of £350,000



De Havilland Drive,
- Large Detached House
- Four Good Sized Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Master En-Suite
- Three Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

Offers in The Region Of £340,000

Walsall Road,
- No chain
- Large layout
- Dormer bungalow
- Conservatory and sun room
- Massive Driveway
- Popular area

OIRO £300,000 £300,000

Virginia Drive,
- Detached home
- No chain
- Four bedrooms
- Double garage
- Conservatory
- En-suite

Offers in the excess of £300,000 £300,000

Bluebell Hollow, Stafford
- Spacious Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Two En-Suites
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Private Drive
- Pre-fab Office In Garden

Asking Price £289,950

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Birmingham New Road,
- Five bedrooms
- Detached residence
- Large driveway
- Huge rear garden
- Extended
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Double glazed throughout
- Double garage

Asking Price £270,000

Old Weston Road,
- Deceptively Spacious
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Re-Fitted Guest WC
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Master En-Suite

Offers In The Region Of £299,950

High Hill,
- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Bungalow
- Reception Hallway
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fantastic Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Wet Room

Offers in the Region Of £299,995

Greenheath Road, Cannock
- Four large bedrooms
- Detached home
- Plentiful parking
- Close to local amenities and schools
- Well presented
- Double glazed

Asking Price £250,000

The Holmes,
- Immaculately presented throughout
- Four bedrooms
- Garage
- New build quality
- Spacious layout
- Cul de sac location

Offers in The Excess Of £240,000

Hopyard Gardens,
- Spacious three bedroom home
- Generous off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden with patio
- Must see layout
- Immaculately presented
- Two bathrooms

Asking Price £230,000

Vine Close, Stafford
- Four bedrooms
- Detached
- Conservatory
- En-suite to master
- No upward chain
- Garage

Asking Price £220,000

St. Andrew Close, Cannock
- Modern Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Modern Bathroom
- Master En-Suite
- Double Glazing

Asking Price £220,000

Little Tixall Lane,
- Charming Cottage
- Traditional Features
- Extended To Rear
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

Asking Price £200,000

Londonderry Lane, Smethwick
- Three double bedrooms
- Semi-detached
- Ample off road parking
- Generous living space
- Enclosed rear garden
- Jack and Jill en suite

Asking Price £200,000

Lodge Road,
- Detached property
- Four bedrooms
- Garage
- Sun room
- Generous layout
- Family bathroom

Guide Price £220,000 £220,000

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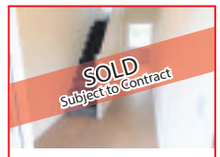
New Penkridge Road,
- Semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Immaculate presentation
- Large garden
- Driveway
- Gas central heating and double glazed

OIRO £180,000 £180,000

Lichfield Road,
- SOLD WITH SITTING TENANTS
- Immaculate condition throughout
- New boiler
- Conservatory
- Two large bedrooms
- Garage

Offers in The Region Of £180,000



Charnley Road,
- Spacious Semi
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Fully Refurbished
- Modern Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms

Asking Price £179,950

Finchfield Hill,
- Full renovation necessary
- Fantastic potential
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs bedroom with bathroom adjacent
- Generous off road parking and garage

Offers in the Region Of £175,000

Meadow Glade,
- Spacious Semi
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Play Room
- Utility Room
- Gas Central Heating

Asking Price £169,950

High Offley Road,
- Spacious Semi
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Double Glazing

Asking Price £169,995

Tudor Close,
- Five bedrooms!
- Garage
- Cul de sac location
- Built in wardrobes
- Enclosed rear garden
- Close to local amenities
- Good access to M6
- Close to local schools

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Hawkswell Drive,
- Extended home
- Immaculately presented
- Large conservatory
- Generous driveway
- Quiet road
- Downstairs bedroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Double glazed

Asking Price £159,995

Hatherton Road,
- Detached House
- Spacious Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

GuidePrice £150,000 £150,000

Shepwell Gardens,
- Quiet cul de sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Living room
- Family bathroom
- Kitchen
- Dining room

OIRO £150,000 £150,000

Willenhall Road,
- Modern Town House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Two En-Suites
- Guest Cloakroom
- Double Glazing

OIRO £150,000 £150,000

Rosemary Avenue,
- Modern Semi
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Styled Kitchen
- Re-Styled Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Spacious Lounge

Offers in Excess of £150,000

Finery Road,
- Semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs WC
- Plentiful storage
- Enclosed rear garden
- Well presented

Asking Price £150,000

Chambley Green,
- Large end-terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Huge renovation potential
- Desirable village location
- Close to local amenities
- Close to local schools

OIRO £160,000 £145,000

Fieldhouse Way,
- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Modern Throughout

Offers in the Region Of £145,000

Beckbury Avenue,
- Three bedrooms
- Popular location
- Semi-detached
- Close to local amenities
- Popular local schools
- Minor renovation

Asking Price £140,000

Southgate Road,
- Attention investors!
- In need of refurbishment
- Extended property
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Double glazed

Asking Price £137,000

Welbeck Avenue,
- Large semi-detached
- Sun room
- Garage
- Three bedrooms
- Gated driveway
- Front and rear garden

Asking Price £135,000

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End mews house in popular cul-de-sac

HEDNESFORD
£119,950

A two-bedroomed end mews house in a popular cul-de-sac adjoining public open space/nature reserve, 33 Maycroft Close, Hednesford, is for sale through Boot & Son at £119,950.

It has a porch with laminate flooring, a lounge with a stairwell, laminate flooring, a bow window and an archway to a part tiled kitchen with plumbing for automatic washing machine, electric cooker control unit and an oven hood/extractor.

Upstairs is bedroom one with a built-in wardrobe and laminate flooring, bedroom two with the same, a part tiled bathroom, a tarmac driveway and a rear garden.

For further information contact Boot & Son on 01543 505454 or visit www.bootandson.co.uk

Charming four/five bedroomed bungalow

CANNOCK WOOD
£415,000 <<<

This charming four/five-bedroomed detached dormer bungalow in Holly Hill Road, Cannock Wood, lies in a sought-after idyllic location close to the Castle Ring tourist site on the edge of Cannock Chase.

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Currently the downstairs has two bedrooms, a spacious lounge, a modern kitchen/diner, a dining room, a downstairs shower room and a WC.

The first floor has two large bedrooms complemented by the family bathroom, a large landing and plenty of storage space.

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Old Penkridge Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room
- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road

£445,000

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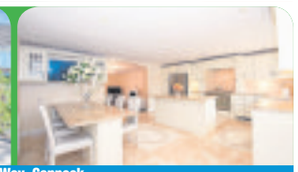


Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000

Turquoise Grove, Heath Hayes

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION
- GARAGE
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDEN
- CONSERVATORY
- MODERN KITCHEN

£265,000

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Close To Cannock Chase
- Carport & Garage

£249,950

Rowan Road, Shoal Hill

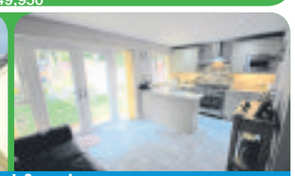
- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN / DINER
- STUDY & DOWNSTAIRS WC
- DESIRABLE ROAD
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

210,000

Wallace Close, Norton Canes

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£170,000



Price Street, Cannock

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- STUNNING OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
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- MUST BE VIEWED

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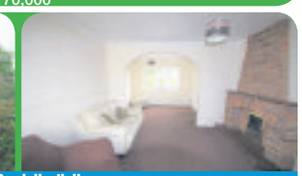

Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
- Located To Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time Buy Or Investment Purchase
- Sapcious Lounge
- Archway To Dining/Sitting Area

£117,500

Boney Hay Road, Burntwood

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Garden

£695pcm Sorry no dss and No pets

Balfour House, High Green

- One bed apartments available
- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
- Double bedrooms
- Shower rooms
- Town centre location
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- Parking
- Available now

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- Modern detached property
- Kitchen / Diner
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Garage & Driveway
- Available soon

£925pcm Sorry no DSS & no pets

Whinchat Drive, Heath Hayes

- Semi Detached house
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Driveway and garage
- Available now

£950pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Chapel Street, Cannock

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- Three bedrooms
- Master bedroom with ensuite

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C residential are pleased to be selling 2 x brand new shared ownership properties built by Barratt and are scheduled for completion in December 2017. Shares are available from 25% up to 75% dependent upon the buyers circumstances. Special conditions for ownership apply. EPC rating C

£41,875

NEW

NOOKS CROFT BRERETON

Price shown for 42% share. Viewing of this delightful semi-detached property is essential to appreciate with views over the Trent & Mersey Canal. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated parking to side. EPC rating B

£75,375

SPRINGFIELD ROAD RUGELEY

●●●Shared Ownership●●● A three-storey, three bedroomed mid-terraced property benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Allocated parking to rear. EPC Rating C

£77,500

NEW

LANGLEY WAY HAWKSYARD

Only one property remains in this new development of purpose built apartments constructed by Persimmon Homes. Available now to purchase on the Discounted Market Sale Scheme. UPVC double-glazing and Gas Central Heating. Communal Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking to front. EPC rating A

£80,000

NEW

GREENSLADE GROVE HEDNESFORD

A spacious ground floor purpose built apartment within easy walking distance to the local amenities of Hednesford. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal Gardens and Parking. EPC rating D

£95,000

PUBLIC NOTICE

C residential are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £103,000 for 3 Kelly Avenue, Brereton, Rugeley, WS15 1SD. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact C residential, Globe House, Upper Brook Street, Rugeley, WS15 2DN. Tel: 01889 583377 before exchange of contracts.

NEW PRICE

ST PAULS ROAD RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid-town house benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front with enclosed garden and off-road parking to rear. EPC D

£129,950

NEW

BLAKELEY CLOSE RUGELEY

A well presented modern townhouse positioned in a popular location within walking distance to the popular Chancel catchment area. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off-road parking. EPC rating B

£139,950

NEW

GREENFIELDS DRIVE RUGELEY

A well presented two bedroomed semi-detached bungalow within walking distance to local amenities offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed throughout. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Two Bedrooms and Wet Room. Detached Garage.. EPC rating D

£159,995

REOFFERED

BUSH DRIVE RUGELEY

A three bedroomed semi-detached family home located within the popular Chancel Catchment area. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, L' shaped Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Study Area, Dowstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off-road parking. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating E

£180,000

NEW

BRAMBLE WAY ETCHINGHILL

In need of further upgrade but positioned in a popular cul-de-sac position is this two bedroomed link-detached bungalow. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. COVERED CARPORT. EPC rating E

£185,000

NEW

WAVERLEY GARDENS ETCHINGHILL

An extended family home located in a popular location close to local schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Snug, Downstairs Bathroom and Downstairs Bedroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage Storage Area. EPC rating TBC

£225,000

NEW

INGATHORPE ROAD HAWKSYARD

A well presented three-storey, four bedroomed semi-detached. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom with En-suite. Gardens to front and rear. Single Garage. EPC rating B

£219,950

NEW PRICE

BEECHMERE RISE ETCHINGHILL

A split-level detached located in popular location. Entrance Hall, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C., Landing, Lounge with Snug, Dining Room, Kitchen and Storage/Utility. Integral Garage and Off Road Parking. Large Garden to Rear with Open Views. Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the size and layout of the property. EPC RATING - D

£239,950

NEW

LOWER BIRCHES WAY RUGELEY

A good sized family home benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-suite and Family Bathroom. Driveway to front with SINGLE GARAGE and enclosed private garden to rear. EPC Rating - C

£269,995

NEW

COALPIT LANE BRERETON

A spacious three bedroomed detached bungalow on corner plot. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Ample off-road parking leading to DOUBLE GARAGES. EPC rating E

£275,000

NEW

ALMONDBURY HIXON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this individual detached bungalow positioned in sought after location of Hixon. Built by the current Vendors in 1962 the property is In need of modernisation and upgrade making an ideal refurbishment project. EPC rating D

£300,000

REOFFERED

NO CHAIN

ORTON LICHFIELD

Individually designed detached bungalow. Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge with Dining Area, Garden Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Side Porch, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom/Wet Room. To the first floor is a Guest Bedroom with Ensuite. Gardens to front, side and rear. DETACHED GARAGE to side with driveway. EPC rating D

£369,995

NEW

WESTBUTTS ROAD ETCHINGHILL

Within walking distance to the local amenities and Cannock Chase. Double-Glazed and Gas centrally heated. Large Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, UPVC double-glazed Conservatory, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Ample off road parking. INTEGRAL SINGLE GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating C

£450,000

NEW

FAIRHAVEN ARMITAGE

Reception Hall, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Breakfast Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs Shower Room, Study, Family Room and Conservatory. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, En-suite to Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. DETACHED GARAGE. Ample parking. Gardens to front and rear. EPC rating D

£499,950

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FORGE MEWS
RUGELEY

Ground floor flat within walking distance of the town centre. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. One Double Bedroom, Shower Room. Garden to front. OFFER - FIRST MONTHS RENT FREE
VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm

QUEENSWAY
RUGELEY

Semi-detached property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Comprising of Lounge, Dining Kitchen with some appliances, Rear Lobby, Guest Cloaks. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear. EPC Rating E
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS . EPC Rating E
DEPOSIT £706

£510 pcm

BOW STREET
RUGELEY

Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances, Shower Room. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C . DEPOSIT £720
OFFER - FIRST MONTHS RENT HALF PRICE £260
VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£520 pcm

REST HARROW, ETCHINGHILL

Viewing of this extended 1920's detached is a must to appreciate the location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. The property has been refurbished and extended over the years to provide a spacious family home. The gardens have been landscaped and the plot totals just under one acre. Extensive parking and a DETACHED GARAGE BLOCK. EPC Rating E

£960,000

HOWELL MEWS
RUGELEY

Modern 2nd floor apartment. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom, en suite Shower Room to Master. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. Security Entrance system. Allocated Parking.
VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating E

£535 pcm

BALLAM MEWS
RUGELEY

Well presented first floor property within walking distance of the town centre, comprises of Entrance hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Utility Room. Two double Bedrooms and Shower Room. Patio area to front. Off Road Parking.
VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating E
DEPOSIT £740

£535 pcm

FERNWOOD DRIVE
RUGELEY

Mid terraced property comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest Cloaks. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking to rear.
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £747

£540 pcm

UPPER WAY, UPPER LONGDON

An individually designed detached property offering spacious split-level accommodation in delightful sought after village location. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Spacious accommodation having the added advantage of a self-contained annexe above the DOUBLE GARAGE area. Ample off-road parking. Tiered gardens to front and rear. Covered swimming pool to rear. EPC Rating B

£775,000

SUNBEAM DRIVE
GREAT WYRLEY

First Floor Maisonette benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £761

£550 pcm

COPPICE ROAD
RUGELEY

Spacious property benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom with separate WC. Garden to rear. Photo taken 2015 - VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
Deposit £790

£570 pcm

ROYAL CLOSE
RUGELEY

Modern property in popular location. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Guest Cloaks. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. GCH & DG. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway parking. Photos taken February 2016.
VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKING. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £785

£570 pcm

THE COTTAGE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

Viewing of this delightful detached cottage is essential to appreciate the size of the accommodation. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Snug, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen/Family Room, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking with gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating E

£399,950

THE OLD FORGE
GREAT HAYWOOD

Well presented FURNISHED ground floor flat, comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal gardens and allocated parking space. VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £795

£575 pcm

CROSS ROAD
RUGELEY

A semi-detached property close to town centre. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances, Conservatory. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large garden to rear. Driveway to Detached Garage. Photos taken 2012.
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D

£595 pcm

LOWER BIRCHES WAY
RUGELEY

Detached in popular location. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen with some appliances. Conservatory. Four bedrooms and Bathroom with en-suite shower room to master. Garage and Driveway. Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
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DEPOSIT £1177

£850 pcm

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- Kitchen
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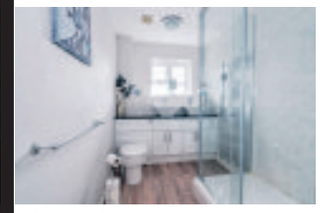
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommend

£154,950

NEW

WIMBLEBURY
BARN WAY



- Deceptively Spacious
- Popular Location
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utilty Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 En-Suites
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£319,950

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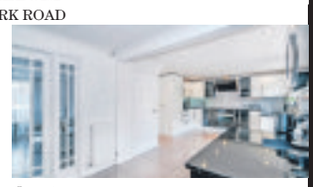
WIMBLEBURY
KEYS PARK ROAD



- Detached House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Study, Guest WC,
- Spacious Refitted Kitchen Diner,
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room

£299,995

NEW

BURNTWOOD
CROSS STREET

- Detached Home
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Driveway
- No Chain

£209,950

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
SWAN CLOSE

- Motivated Seller
- Extended Family Home
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Extended Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Ample Parking
- Viewing Essential

£259,950

NEW

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CHALFONT COURT

- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Communal Gardens
- Parking
- Town Centre Location

£109,950

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- Town Centre Location
- Traditional Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 1st Floor W.C.
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gardens

£149,995

REDUCED

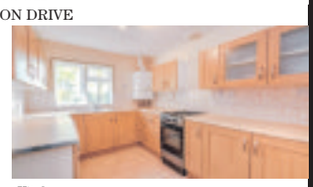
WIMBLEBURY
HAYMAKER WAY

- Detached Family Home
- Hall, WC
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£214,995

NEW

CANNOCK
REMINGTON DRIVE



- Over 55'S Warden Control
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- First Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Garden

£99,950

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
HILTON LANE

- Sought After Location
- Semi Detached
- Through Hall
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- Refitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway, Gardens

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- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Guest WC
- Move In Condition
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Parking Space To The Rear
- EPC = E

£139,950

Cannock Road Heath Hayes

£117,500

• Two Bedroom Second Floor Apaprtment • Contemporary Styling and Immaculate Presentation
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New Street Bridgtown

£132,500

• Traditional End Terrace • Two Reception Rooms
• Kitchen Diner • Pool House & Workshop
• Off Road Parking • EPC = D

Beech Pine Close Hednesford

£245,000

• Three Bedroom Detached House • Lounge & Dining Room
• Conservatory • Fitted Kitchen & Utility
• Garage & Gardens • EPC = D

Church Street Chadsmoor

£130,000

• Four Bedroom Semi-Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
• Fitted Kitchen • Bathroom With Both Bath & Shower Cubicle
• Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

Knighton Road Cannock

- Link Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul-De-Sac Position
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

£215,000

Bideford Way Cannock

£170,000

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Open Plan Lounge Diner
• Conservatory • Rear Garden
• Driveway to the Front • EPC =D

Hill Street Norton Canes

£166,500

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• Extended To The Rear • Front & Rear Gardens
• Garage & Driveway • EPC = D

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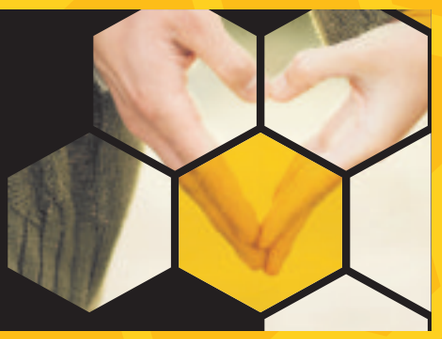

Huntington Cowslip Close

NEW

3 2 1 EPC B £67,500

Wimblebury Fremantle Drive

REDUCED

4 2 2 EPC D £300,000

Burntwood Severn Drive

REDUCED

4 2 2 EPC D £275,000

Cannock Stoneyfields Close

NEW

2 1 1 EPC C £225,000

Brownhills Brownhills Road

REDUCED

3 2 1 EPC D £180,000

Heath Hayes Stafford Street

REDUCED

3 2 1 EPC E £180,000

Cannock Clarion Way

NEW

2 1 1 EPC D £125,000

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308 is sharp, stylish and imposing

By Dave Brown

We're big fans of the 308 hatchback and estate and although it has proved a sought-after member of the Peugeot range here in the UK, it hasn't quite hit the heights it has reached in its home country, where it sits proudly at the top of its segment in terms of popularity.

On this side of the channel, it is certainly in the top 10, but, as the company admits, 'closer to 10 than one'. Perhaps the comprehensive refresh and price reductions announced a few months ago will get things moving in the right direction.

The car has sharper styling and Peugeot's latest efficient engines and touchscreen connectivity. On the outside, there is an imposing new vertical grille and LED daytime running lights. Inside, Peugeot's i-Cockpit includes a 9.7-inch touchscreen, equipped with 3D satnav and new graphics. The new car builds on the EuroNCAP five-star rating its predecessor achieved with enhanced safety tech to bring it in line with its widely-admired 3008 SUV.

This latest version car looks great. Sharp, stylish and imposing, it will appeal to parents who are happy with family life but haven't totally forgotten what it's like to have fun behind the wheel. Elliptical headlamps come with integral LED daytime running lights while the rear lights have a distinctive three-claw shape.

Short front and rear overhangs make the car very maneuverable and contribute to excellent road-holding ability.

Allure, GT Line and GT models feature a large glass roof as standard. Comfort levels are fine inside and everything is of a nice

The car offers parents a bit of fun

quality – there is plenty of room for mum, dad and the kids, although some rivals do offer more space.

Inside the car, not too much has changed over the previous incarnation, with the cabin plush and comfortable. As we've mentioned, the i-Cockpit looks great and adds a sporty feel to a family car but might not be wholly visible through the steering wheel for drivers of certain heights and builds.

The materials used are of high quality, giving the car a welcome, premium feel.

But practicality is key for family buyers of course and the estate features the largest load space in its class (660 litres with the parcel shelf in place; a whopping 1,775 litres with the rear seats folded and the parcel shelf removed).

We had the chance to take the 308 GT (£25,101) on a spin along Germany's fast-paced autobahns, and around the twisty mountain roads on the Germany/Austria border, not far from Salzburg.

It coped with everything we threw at it and provided a genuinely enjoyable and absorbing drive. The i-Cockpit infotainment

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system works well, while the gearbox is taut and quick and you feel in complete control as you enjoy the drive, try to admire the view from time to time, and dodge the many cyclists and hikers enjoying the scenery.

The Peugeot 308 has seen price reductions of, on average, £650 compared to equivalent models in the outgoing range. In some cases, savings of more than £1,000 can be made.

This is a nod perhaps to the fact that the first incarnation of the car hasn't sold as well as hoped in the UK and Peugeot is looking to make up ground on key rivals.

Spec levels are generous, and connectivity is king with the new 308. Safety is to the fore, too, with a range of advanced driver assistance systems such as distance alert and intelligent emergency braking assistance.

Who would buy one? Families, families and more families… at least that's what Peugeot is hoping.

Professional people who want something a bit different style-wise but can easily communicate on the move will also be drawn in, no doubt, and the GT and GTi models will appeal to younger drivers too (and people who are young at heart).

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This seventh generation does have a more grown-up feel

Latest Ford Fiesta remains at top of supermini class

By John Griffiths

For 40-odd years, Ford's Fiesta has been a family favourite, selling more than 18 million examples and regularly in the top three for British buyers.

The seventh generation Fiesta hit Britain's streets this summer and shows all the signs of continuing to be one of the most popular models around.

It has changed – or should I say evolved – retaining many of the best points from its predecessor while adding a sharper new look, a stronger, stiffer structure and a raft of the latest safety technology.

There is, as you'd expect, an impressive variety of engine sizes, trims and prices to suit all tastes, starting from £12,715 for the base 'Style' model with the 70PS 1.1 petrol. Further up the range there's the now familiar three cylinder petrol turbo, offering a much improved package of performance and economy with the option of power outputs from 70 through 125 to 140PS. The turbo diesel models for those who want ultimate economy range from 75 to 120PS.

The five-door test car had the 1.5 litre, 120PS diesel motor and came in mid-range Titanium trim. List price for this model is £18,525, but optional extras such as electric windows (for the rear as well as the front) and Ford's auto parking system pushed it up to £21,030.

This seventh generation does have a more grown-up feel, due no doubt to its stiffer construction which helps with handling, driving dynamics and safety.

The interior has a rather upmarket feel

The suspension has been tweaked, as well as slight increases in wheelbase and front track: a combination of improvements which Ford says results in more grip and shorter braking distances.

The front end, with its rather more distinctive grille and lighting cluster, puts the new Fiesta up into the top class when it comes to aerodynamics, aiding performance, economy and noise levels. And it's a sharp, positive handling car, among the best of the superminis.

The diesel engine complements this ambience: it's so quiet that few passengers will guess they're in an oil-burner even when you're acceletrating hard, let alone cruising on the motorway. This is because 120PS is ample power for a car of this size, but the 270NM of torque is plenty of pulling power for making progress at low engine speeds.

The 0 to 62mph dash is a brisk nine seconds while official fuel consumption is an average of 80.7mpg. I managed 56mph over a mixture of driving conditions. The car's CO2 rating is a very low 89g/km.

Inside the new Fiesta there's a bit more room, with an improved driving position and a little more space for the longer-legged in the back. Boot space is 292 litres, rising to 1,092 litres with rear seats folded down.

The interior has quality upholstery and a subtle combination of piano black and shiney metal trim on this model, which give it a rather upmarket feel.

Perhaps the biggest change is the addition of a tablet-sytle touchscreen, controlling a range of features such as vehicle settings, audio and connectivity for iPhone and smartphones. It has reduced the number of buttons but there are still remote control buttons on the steering wheel so many operations just need a finger or thumb.

As a high specification model, the Titanium comes with projector headlamps, LED running lights, front foglamps and cornering lights,along with power adjustable and folding mirrors, cruise control, automatic temperature control and – one of my favourite gadgets – a quick clear windscreen. The Titanium also comes with stability control, traffic sign recognition, auto high beam and driver alert systems.

It's a competitive market out there, particularly among superminis, and with this improved, seventh generation Fiesta Ford is ensuring it stays at the top of the pile in the supermini class. One of the reasons it has remained, for the last four decades, such a popular model is that it has always been good to drive, and it just got better – as well as safer and more refined.

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Kia enters the fastest-growing market sector with Stonic SUV

Stonic is based on the latest Rio supermini

Kia has entered Europe's fastest-growing market sector, small (B-segment) SUVs, with Stonic, a sporty and smart new model priced from £16,295.

The B-SUV market in Europe is expected to double to more than two million a year by 2020, based on 2016 figures. Kia expects to sell 70,000 versions of Stonic in Europe in 2018, rising steadily to 100,000 a year. The UK will account for between 8,000 and 10,000 sales a year.

Stonic is based on the latest Rio supermini and is powered by high-efficiency, high-technology petrol and diesel powertrains from Rio and the cee'd family.

In the UK there is a five-model line-up based on grade 2 and First Edition trim levels. All versions offer an extensive package of connectivity features, including links to Android Auto and Apple CarPlay via pre-downloaded smartphone apps, while advanced electronic driver assistance systems such as autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning and automatic switching between high and low headlight beams are available.

Stonic is Kia's first small SUV, and it brings the brand's unique, multi-award-winning styling to the B-SUV class. Buyers are moving into B-SUVs from superminis, small MPVs and three-door compact hatchbacks. Stonic is slightly longer than Rio. It is also 70mm taller and rides 42mm higher from the ground to give it a clear SUV stance.

Key signature design elements such as the 'tiger-nose' main front grille ensure that Stonic is instantly recognisable as a member of the modern Kia family.

The First Edition version stands out even more thanks to its two-tone paintwork. The roof, wing mirror casings

Three modern and efficient engines are available

and rear spoiler are picked out in either black, lime green, red or orange, depending on the choice of main body colour, and there are colour accents in the interior on the seats and around the lower centre console and display screen areas.

The horizontal theme evident in the exterior styling is repeated in the cabin, emphasising width and space while separating the upper information and lower control areas.

The number of buttons and switches has been kept to a minimum to give a neater look and greater functionality. The First Edition follows the Rio in offering USB ports front and rear so that mobile devices can be charged from any seat.

All versions are generously equipped, with an extensive range of active safety features and up-to-the-minute connectivity in First Edition versions.

Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM) are standard. All versions also have Hill-start Assist to prevent the car from rolling backwards when setting off on steep inclines.

Autonomous Emergency Braking and Lane Departure Warning are standard in the First Edition and optional on grade 2 as part of an Advanced Driving Assistance Pack (ADAP). The Lane Departure Warning System is linked to Driver Attention Warning, which can alert a drowsy or distracted driver that it is time to take a break, and High Beam Assist, which automatically switches the car between dipped and full beam according to the traffic around it and the local street lighting.

The First Edition also has Blind Spot Detection with Rear Cross Traffic Alert, to prevent the car from being driven into the path of a vehicle approaching from an angle out of the driver's eye-line.

Three modern and efficient engines are available in Stonic, headed by Kia's 1.0-litre T-GDi unit delivering 118bhp. It lines up alongside a 1.4-litre multi-point injection naturally aspirated 98bhp petrol engine and the 108bhp 1.6-litre CRDi turbodiesel from the cee'd range.

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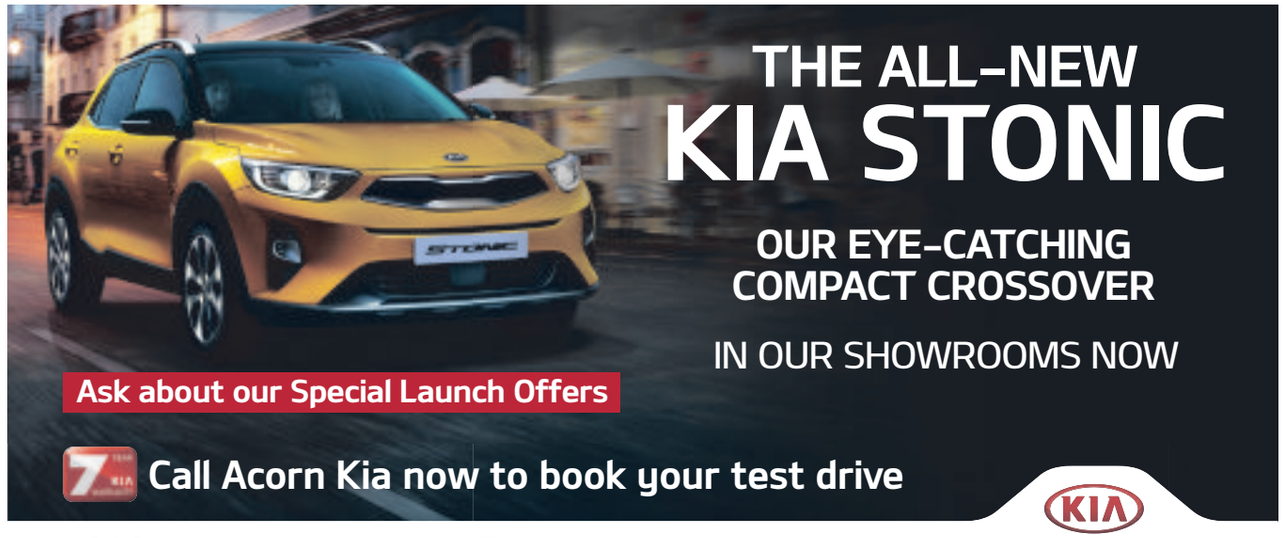

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A new model of car access with 'Care by Volvo' service

An XC40 will be as hassle-free as using your mobile phone

By James Parker

Volvo Cars is inventing a new model of car access with the launch of the new Volvo XC40 and the new 'Care by Volvo' subscription service. This will make having a car as transparent, easy and hassle free as having a phone: a national, ready-negotiated monthly fee, combined with getting a new car every 24 months.

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Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars, said: "With Care by Volvo, we introduce a new car access for the modern age. In a time where consumers are used to transparent flat fees for all sorts of services, the traditional process of buying and owning a car can be perceived as rather complicated. Care by Volvo changes all of that."

Care by Volvo is car access for the modern age

The new XC40 will be the first model on which Care by Volvo is offered. Other Volvo models will be included over time, as will new digital concierge services.

Care by Volvo is a concept that will develop and expand over time. The central focus is on offering customers convenient access to the sense of freedom a car is meant to deliver.

"Our aim with Care by Volvo is to provide our customers with a transparent, premium car user experience. With a fixed monthly payment, Volvo Cars provides a truly customer-focused alternative to the traditional purchase or leasing. Time is a luxury for our customers, and with this service we are able to free up time in their daily lives. This is simply making life easier for our customers," said Thomas Andersson, vice president Care by Volvo at Volvo Cars.

Earlier this month, Volvo announced the acquisition of the technology platform and key staff of Luxe, a US-based premium valet and concierge service company. The acquisition is another example of Volvo's ongoing development in the area of digital consumer experiences.

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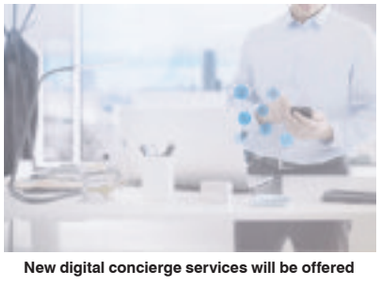

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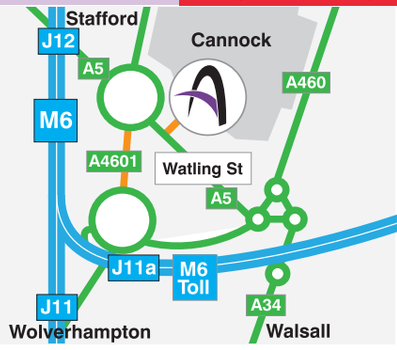

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Based on the i30 hatchback, the N has all the practicality of the standard car

Hyundai i30N to shake up the hot hatch market

The i30 N is the first performance model ever produced by Hyundai. It introduces the 'N' branding that's been on the South Korean car manufacturer's motorsport models for a few years now into the road car market.

It's entering the fiercely contested hot hatch segment currently dominated by the likes of the everyday-usable Volkswagen Golf GTI and Seat Leon Cupra, which it is priced to tackle head-on. There's an entry-level model as well as a Performance variant, which gets more power and extra kit – and at £27,995 looks like a potential lower-cost alternative to so-called mega hatches such as the Honda Civic Type R

Based on the i30 hatchback, the N has all the practicality of the standard car. However, under the skin the changes are wholesale – in the words of Albert Biermann, head of Hyundai's performance division, they didn't just "put a big engine in and be done with it".

Handling

The chassis has been strengthened to improve handling, there are aerodynamic devices on the exterior and beneath the car to improve downforce and cooling, and the gearbox has been overhauled to offer a snappier response. Talking us through all the changes took nearly two hours, so we'll spare you too much detail…

In the top-spec Performance model, the 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine makes a healthy 271bhp and 353Nm of torque (which increases to 378Nm for up to eight seconds at full throttle). This puts it on a par with rivals but short of the £30,000-plus hot hatches for which 300bhp has become the norm.

Fortunately, thanks in part to that overboost system, you're never left wanting for performance. Zero to 60mph comes in 5.9 seconds and thanks to a launch control system that's totally achievable.

There are drive modes controlled via a couple of switches on the wheel. Normal and eco feel rather pointless as sport is fine for most circumstances out on the road – the crumbling tarmac on our Italian test route highlighted a stiffly sprung car that quickly settled. However, flick the switch to N and the car comes alive – throttle response is immediate and the needle charges through the tachometer at a ferocious pace. Pops and crackles from the exhaust add extra theatre here, too.

There's also a 'custom' option that lets you fine-tune various aspects of the car's set-up, but with 1,944 possible combinations it feels like unnecessary complication in a supposedly "approachable" car.

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We also tested the car on track at Vallelunga near Rome and it felt in its element. The limited-slip differential put power through the front wheels with little fuss, while hard braking brought out its playful side with a wiggle from the rear. Highly impressive stuff.

Hyundai has spent a lot of research and development time on improving the aerodynamics of the i30 to give the N model more downforce. To our eyes, it treads a fine balance between giving the standard car a more purposeful appearance and going wild with spoilers and wings everywhere.

Where it could perhaps be considered left wanting is the image the badge portrays. This being Hyundai's first performance car, there's little cache in the N branding outside of hardcore motorsport fans – though if this first effort is anything to go by, that won't be true for long.

Hyundai has moved its game on dramatically through the latest iterations of its cars, meaning its interiors aren't far behind more established European rivals However, it's not quite there yet, with some of the switchgear feeling old school and the infotainment system – particularly the hopeless satellite navigation system – regularly frustrating.

However, N-specific extras such as the steering wheel and sports seats are welcome additions, the latter offering excellent lateral support at the hips and shoulders so you don't move about too much in hard cornering.

Whether you go for the Performance or the £24,995 entry-level model, there's a decent level of standard equipment such as an eight-inch touchscreen, LED lights all round and adaptive cruise control.

The Performance model starts from £27,995 and gets even more kit – of particular interest is the electronically controlled limited-slip differential, which helps the engine put its power through the front wheels, 19-inch alloy wheels with sticky Pirelli P-Zero tyres, and leather and suede upholstery.

As far as debuts go, the Hyundai i30 N has played a blinder.

MINI 1499 GT latest special edition to the UK line-up

The latest special edition to join the MINI UK line-up celebrates the brand's rich heritage with a nod to one of the best known sporty classic Minis of all time, the 1275 GT.

Available to order now, the 1499 GT recalls the entertaining drive, distinctive styling and low running costs of the 1969 original, which was one of the most affordable performance cars of its day.

The 1275 GT badging reflected the increased engine capacity over the standard 998cc Mini. The all-new MINI 1499 GT treads a similar path for 2017. With 102 hp on tap and 0-60mph in 10.1 seconds courtesy of its lively Twin Power Turbo three-cylinder engine, the 1499 GT is perfect for drivers seeking an entertaining drive and unique vehicle.

The 1499 GT will be built in a limited production run of just 1,499 cars between November 2017 and February 2018, and is sure to be in high demand.

For the launch of the 1499 GT, MINI Financial Services has launched an enticing new finance offer. MINI Ready Fuel Go* offers one year's inclusive insurance (subject to terms**) with a £299 customer deposit and £299 monthly payment. On the road pricing starts at £16,990.

There will be a choice of two colours, Pepper White or Midnight Black. In Midnight Black, the car gets distinctive gold 1499 GT side stripes. Pepper White models feature the same distinctive graphics, but in black.

Recalling the entertaining drive and distinctive styling

Additional exterior features include the MINI John Cooper Works Sport Pack, featuring 17" Track Spoke alloy wheels in Black, dark tinted windows and white indicator lenses. The styling pack includes distinctive John Cooper Works front and rear bumpers, side skirts, a split level spoiler and John Cooper Works door entry plates.

Interior features include John Cooper Works Sports seats in Dinamica and leather and JCW badges, a JCW steering wheel in perforated leather with Chilli Red stitching and multi-function controls, cruise control, a Visual Boost radio with MINI Connected smartphone compatibility and Piano Black interior trim, along with Carbon Black interior details and an Anthracite headlining.

A sports suspension completes the MINI 1499 GT package, which also includes all of the standard equipment found on the MINI One Hatch. This includes features such as independent rear suspension, a six-speed manual gearbox with sports-car inspired rev matching technology, air conditioning and all-round disc brakes.

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BMW executive express is rounded choice

The car keeps its core values of understated elegance, comfort and performance

The M Sport spec is sportily themed

By John Griffiths

Since it's such a familiar sight on our roads and company car parks, it's hard to believe that the BMW 5 Series has been around for 45 years.

Constant updates and technological improvements mean today's executive express is little like the original 1972 model. But it has kept its core values of understated elegance, comfort and dynamic performance which is no doubt why it has retained its popularity and its ability to win a series of 'best in class' awards.

The test car was a 520d, the entry level engine and sales leader for its powerful yet economical 2.0 litre diesel engine which offers the best fuel economy and CO2 levels in the range, meaning the lowest running costs especially if you're subject to benefit-in-kind. It came in saloon guise in M Sport trim, although there are also Touring) and four wheel drive versions to choose from.

The list price is £39,920, although this particular vehicle was loaded with optional extras taking the actual on the road price to £49,495.

Even if you're not that interested in engineering, you can't forget that it is the engine which is the heart of the car, the bit which more than the trim gives it its character.

It isn't just its 190bhp maximum power, but the whopping 400Nm of torque which make tackling the 0 to 62mph sprint in 7.5 seconds feel not only rapid but effortless. It reaches motorway cruising speed in a most civilised manner, while barely breathing heavily and is consequently particularly quiet.

Smooth

The eight speed automatic transmission is so smooth you won't feel it changing in normal driving, unless you press the throttle hard for a quick overtake and it drops a gear or two to deliver on your desires (although even then it's the surge of acceleration which is most noticeable).

Its official fuel economy figure is 65.7mpg with a low CO2 rating of 114g/km (good for BIK) and while these figures are based on laboratory tests, the M Sport test car managed a creditable 48 to 52mpg in a variety of real world driving scenarios.

If economy is your king, though, you could opt for the SE Driving Dynamics version, which boasts 72.4mpg and 102g/km of CO2. But if it's performance you want, there's the 3.0 litre, 265Ps turbo diesel with a faster 0 to 62mph time which only a few years ago would have been bordering on supercar territory.

The test car was fitted with variable damper control (a £985 extra) which includes sport, comfort and eco pro settings. Acting on suspension, throttle response and gear changes, your selection really does change the car's character. And it's appearance, as each has a bespoke set of digital instruments.

The centre console is also home to the switch gear and 'mouse-type' controller for scolling through a wide variety of functions on the centre colour screen, from satnav to vehicle settings, audio and connectivity. It's intuitive to use, and simple. You also have a series remote controls on the steering wheel.

The M Sport spec is sportily themed, with seats of plush leather and a subtle combination piano black and bright metal trim items, making it a nice place to be. The front seats are big and well shaped for comfort. Their electric adjustment was again an extra, part of the 'comfort pack'.

Rear seats have plenty of head and leg room for adults, although it's probably better for two than three. Boot space is a useful 530 litres, well up to class standards.

In fact the new 5 Series is bigger than it's predecessor, while also being lighter which helps to enhance its rewarding handling characteristics still further, as well as impacting for the good on performance and economy.

The 520d isn't the ultimate performer in the pack, of course, but its blend of performance and running costs make it the more rounded choice for many.

While there are some subtle styling changes included in this 2017 version, the new 5 Series is instantly recognisable for what it is – and that's no bad thing given the impressive reputation the car has earned over its 45-year history.

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Eg (4pm Thursday)

Cannock Reception will be closing at 4.30pm on a Friday.

Deaths

BARKER

Derrick Charles

Sadly passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, aged 82 years.

Derrick was much loved and will be dearly missed by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017, 3pm, at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.

Donations if so desired for Lymphoedema Clinic, Stafford and SSAFA Armed Forces (Cannock), c/o

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CHURCHER

Gillian Mary

Sadly passed away on October 8, 2017, aged 61 years.

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Donations if so desired for The British Heart Foundation.

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CLARKE

Jean

Formerly of Heath Hayes.

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YOUNG

John

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 8, 2017, aged 71 years.

Beloved Husband of Joyce, devoted Dad and Grandad.

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In Memoriam

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Kevin Edward

Kev

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10 years October 18.

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Sue, Andrea, Steve, Grand-children Aaron, Kian, Ewan and Fern.

XXX

BATE

Jean

18.10. 2015.

Another year has passed by, but you will always be in our hearts and loved so dearly.

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JONES

Kathleen Elsie

October 19, 2016.

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Tom

22 October

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Your brokenhearted Wife Jean and all the Family.

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Acknowledgements

GALLEAR

John

(Jack)

The Wife and Family would like to thank Relatives, Friends and former Work Mates for their kind support and their donations to Epilepsy Action.

Special thanks go to Rev. Joyce Stewardson, all at Stacey's, Paramedics and all Nurses at Heath Hayes Respiratory Clinic.

Thank you all.

NICHOLLS

Chris

The Family would like to thank all Friends, Family and Neighbours who attended Chris' Funeral on September 22, 2017.

Also for all the cards, donations and messages of support at this very difficult time.

Thank you once again

From Keith and Family.

Births

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Erin Freya Marie

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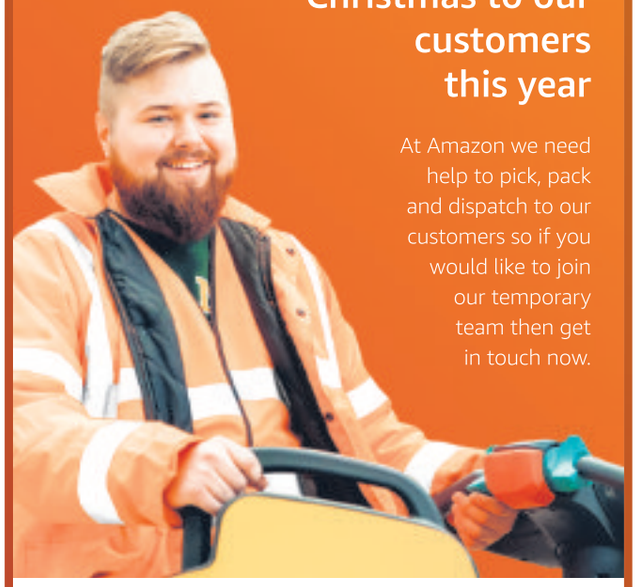

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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of roads in Hednesford:

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Alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site. For more information, visit: https://roadworks.org?tm=187890.

The order will come into operation on 6 November 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 8 December 2017.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the gas mains replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change, No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH

Ref: 4090654 Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre Tel: 0300 111 8000 www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders http://roadworks.org

Date: 19 October 2017

NOTICE OF MAKING AN ORDER

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 7 (PART) HATHERTON PARISH) AND (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 8 (PART) HATHERTON PARISH) PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2017

The above Order, made on 7 September 2017 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, will divert that length of Public Footpath No 7 Hatherton Parish commencing from point D on the Order plan (NGR 394690-310002) and continuing in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 270 metres to point E on the Order plan (NGR 394809-310247); to a new line commencing from point D on the Order Plan (NGR 394690-310002) and continuing in a generally east south-easterly direction for approximately 8 metres to point C on the Order Plan (NGR 394698-309999) and continuing in a generally east south-easterly direction for approximately 176 metres to point B on the Order plan (NGR 394867-309947) and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the District of South Staffordshire accordingly.

Also, that length of Public Footpath No 8 Hatherton Parish commencing from point E on the Order plan (NGR 394809-310247) and continuing in a generally easterly direction for approximately 206 metres to point A on the Order plan (NGR 395013-310244); to a new line commencing at point B on the Order Plan (NGR 394867-309947) and continuing in a generally north-easterly direction for approximately 328 metres to point A on the Order Plan (NGR 395013-310244) and will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the District of South Staffordshire accordingly.

A copy of the Order and Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of South Staffordshire District Council, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, Wolverhampton. WV8 1PX and at the offices of Staffordshire County Council, Corporate Reception, 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH Mon-Fri. 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Copies of the Orders and maps may be bought there at the price of 10p per A4 page; £2 per map.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Director of Strategy, Governance & Change, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2DH (Quoting Reference SS/3523/1700 not later than 5.00 pm on 16 November 2017. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Staffordshire County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If any Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs for confirmation, any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

John Tradewell, Director of Strategy, Governance & Change 2 Staffordshire Place, Stafford ST16 2DH

Dated: 19 October 2017

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Cannock Chase Council

THE COUNCIL IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING PROPOSALS

Case Officer – C Faulkner

Location: 13 Market Place, Cannock
CH/17/386 – Installation of ATM to shopfront

Case Officer – C Faulkner
Location: 13 Market Place, Cannock
CH/17/387 – Advertisement application for a non-illuminated reflective advertising collar surround to proposed ATM

Case Officer – R Sunter
Location: Pye Green Valley between Greenheath Road and Cannock Road, Hednesford, Cannock
CH/17/389 – Application to vary condition 26 to substitute plot house types to incorporate revised housing mix and to remove condition 25 which required revised drawings to be submitted in respect to the apartment block of planning permission CH/14/0268

Case Officer – C Faulkner
Location: Bank House, 8 Mill Street, Cannock
CH/17/392 - Listed building application for the erection of 1 No. Non-illuminated fascia sign and 2 No. Non-illuminated panel signs to front

Case Officer – C Faulkner
Location: The Whitehouse, High Green, Cannock
CH/17/395 - Change of use of existing college building/Council offices to retention of part offices, leisure, restaurant, beauty room, ancillary retail and 8 No. apartments (resubmission of planning application CH/17/210)

Case Officer – C Faulkner
Location: The Whitehouse, High Green, Cannock
CH/17/396 - Listed building consent for change of use of existing college building/Council offices to retention of part offices, leisure, restaurant, beauty room, ancillary retail and 8 No. apartments

Case Officer – C Faulkner
Location: Bank House, 8 Mill Street, Cannock
CH/17/397 - Advertisement application for the erection of 1 No. Non-illuminated fascia sign and 2 No. Non-illuminated panel signs to front

All applications may be inspected electronically at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock.
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The Council has published a Service Charter for publicity and information about planning applications and a Code of Conduct for the Planning Process both of which are obtainable from Council Offices free of charge.

If you wish to make comments or representations about any of the above proposals you should do so in writing to the Planning Services Manager, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG or by emailing to developmentcontrol@cannockchasedc.gov.uk by 9/11/2017 Please include a daytime telephone number in your reply and quote the appropriate reference when calling or writing.

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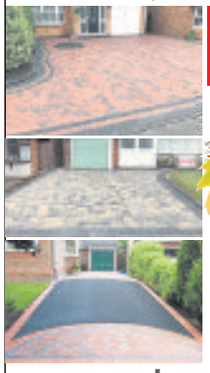

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VIP treatment for former Darlo heroes

FORMER Darlaston players are being given the VIP treatment as the club embarks on the Birmingham County Vase this weekend.

Darlaston Town (1874) remain the only club to have won the competition in consecutive years, 1990/91 and 1991/92. They entertain Coventry Alliance side AEI Rugby on Saturday. Players and officials from that 90s era are invited back as VIP guests, with free admission, complimentary programme, pre-match, half-time and post-match hospitality.

Among those in attendance will be Mark Bates, Mick Rawlings, Paul Brown, Phil Wood, Paul Rideout and Ian Hughes. Also likely to be there is former Walsall and Aston Villa player and manager of the 1991/92 Darlaston cup winning side Jimmy McMorran.

The club is appealing to all former players and officials who played a significant role in the history of the club to attend and see the new-look team and venue at the Paycare Ground, Bentley Leisure Pavilion. Get in touch with chairman Neil Chambers on 07976 752698.

All Wyton night as Cradley talk of Town

BOSS Andy Wyton declared Cradley Town have been 'dormant' for too long, but they are now on the rise as they set about a five-year-plan to improve the club.

Wyton is spearheading the project that bosses have put together to improve facilities and promoting youth football.

Cradley, formed in 1948, currently lie third in the West Midlands Premier. And Wyton, a former player at the club, said: "Cradley have been dormant for too many years but we want to make sure they come out of it."

Their long-term project was drawn up at the end of last season, when Wyton became Town's sole manager after former joint-boss Mark Jones mutually parted ways with the club.

Cradley Town are based at The Beeches stadium, located in a housing estate on Beeches View Avenue in Cradley. Plans are in the pipeline to develop a number of junior sides and this has been boosted by the development of a miniature pitch.

Look Hughes back for darts Grand Slam

BLACK Country thrower Jamie Hughes is will be back on home soil next month after qualifying for the Grand Slam of Darts.

Wolverhampton's Civic Hall will host the tournament from November 11-19, with world No.1 Michael van Gerwen, legend Phil Taylor and double world champions Adrian Lewis and Gary Anderson among the biggest names lining up.

And joining the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) heavyweights at the £450,000 event are eight players from the British Darts Organisation, including Tipton thrower Hughes.

Nicknamed Yozza, Hughes competes in a shirt of the Black Country flag and reached the second round on his debut last year. The 31-year-old has reached the semi-finals of the last two BDO World Championships, losing to the eventual winners – Scott Waites and Glen Durrant – on each occasion.

New sponsors have come on board to support the next Grand Slam, with Austrian-based betting company Bwin replacing Thai brewers Singha Beer.

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Athletes run up golden anniversary celebrations

SPORTING FEATURE

By Ian Harvey

HUNDREDS of athletes turned out to a glitzy birthday dinner celebrating 50 years of Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletics Club.

Awards were handed out to this year's star performers as a toast was raised to the club's long running success.

Club president Mary Harding said it was great to see athletes young and old come together to celebrate the anniversary. Olympic champion Denise Lewis MBE had been invited but did not attend.

The Aldersley Road-based club has churned out international athletes over the years, with some going on to reach the top tier of athletics.

Mary said: "Tonight 480 people have come together from the old boys of 50 years ago with the athletes of today. There is a great combination of talent in this room tonight."

Atmosphere

Club athletes, friends and family packed into WV1 Suite at Molineux Stadium for the birthday dinner. Tables were lined out across the room, where people took their seats to listen to awards being handed out.

A party atmosphere filled the room as names were read out for athletes to walk up to the stage and collect their awards. Around 50 awards were presented to athletes aged under 13 up to senior levels in track and field.

Mary added: "The event was absolutely brilliant. Denise (Lewis) didn't come. It was a bit disappointing. She had the opportunity and we did expect her. It was a lovely event, all people came together to share their stories."

On the eve of the celebrations, the club staged the David Coleman Mile Races, named in honour of the popular former broadcaster who was president of the club during its heyday. The history of the club can be traced back to before the First World War in 1914, with a club based at Molineux with a track around the football pitch.

A decade later, Wolverhampton Athletics Club was formed and in 1943 they merged with Penn Harriers to form Wolverhampton Harriers. After using various grounds in Compton, at Tettenhall College and at Marsh Lane the club moved to Aldersley Stadium in 1956.

The municipal sports stadium was also home to Wolverhampton Wheelers Cycling Club. In 1967 Bilston was incorporated into Wolverhampton in a local government reorganisation and the two local clubs, Wolverhampton Harriers and Bilston Town Athletic Club, merged.

The club went on to dominate track and field, winning the National League Division One for men from 1975 to 1982, the Men's National Cup final in 1976, 1977, 1979 and 1980. It also represented Britain in the European Clubs Cup from 1976-83 with the best finishing position of third.

In 1960 Peter Radford broke the world 200m record in 20.5s in an international held at Aldersley.

The club suffered some decline in the 1980s, but is now enjoying a resurgence. Male athletes compete in the Midland's Men's League and the females in the Midland Women's League and the National League.

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Mary Harding with Hugh Porter and the Roger Walter Trophy as guests celebrate the 50th anniversary

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Sport

Golden days! Athletics club on track to celebrate 50th

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Derby triumph takes Burntwood top

Rory Newall on the charge for Burntwood

Burntwood 45 Cannock 13 Midlands 3WN

BURNTWOOD finished in emphatic style to pull clear of Cannock and go top of M3WN.

Both sides went into the contest with winning records so something had to give. It was keenly fought throughout but 19 points in the last quarter saw the hosts win by seven tries to one.

The visitors made a bright start and went 6-0 ahead with two penalty kicks.

The hosts record their first score after 21 minutes with a Luke Rookyard try, converted by Rory Newall. Winger Rob Jones made it 12-6 at the break. Within five minutes of the second period, Sean Latham's side moved further ahead, Neil Holden darting over. Newall converted.

Danny Poole added the bonus point try, converted by Newall, before Cannock replied with a converted try of their own.

Club Captain Ben Holt sealed the win, then Nick Peplow strolled over with Newall adding the extras and Tom O'Brien's try was converted by Newall with the last kick of the game.

Church hit back with late winner

Alvechurch 2 Chasetown 1

CHURCH grabbed a last-minuter winner to send Chasetown home pointless, despite Will Whieldon's superb free-kick which gave the Scholars the lead in the Evo-Stik League Division One South.

Whieldon gave Chasetown the lead with a quarter of an hour gone. Callum Lovatt was fouled just outside the area and Whieldon curled a beautiful free-kick past goalkeeper Lewis Gwilliams.

Whieldon almost added a second with a right-foot shot that stung the gloves of the Church keeper.

The home side almost equalised when a long ball from Jamie Ashmore found Josh March and his looping header struck the top of the crossbar.

Whieldon was in the thick of the action again getting on the end of a Muzzy Nduna back heel, but Gwilliams saved superbly with his left leg. In the final seconds of the half, Nduna was a whisker wide with a right-foot shot that beat the Church keeper but also the post.

Alvechurch levelled with 15 minutes left. Michael Williams conceded a free-kick when he handled the ball and Jamie Willetts headed home at the second attempt.

In the 90th minute Alvechurch took the three points with a low March shot which beat Curtis Pond at his left-hand post.

Following Tuesday night's visit to Wolverhampton Casuals, Scholars entertain boss Scott Dundas' former side Newcastle on Saturday. Kick off 3pm.

It's goals galore as Hayes fight back on four occasions

Hinckley 4 Heath Hayes 4

THIS was a fantastic game of football and a great advert for the Midland League.

Hayes showed great character in coming back four times at at the league's leading scorers Hinckley, who are third in the table.

In front of a healthy crowd, Hinckley did the early pressing and took the lead on six minutes when Ryan Baldwin scored. Hayes came back through Brad Rolston and it was 1-1 at the break.

After Hinckley went in front again, top scorer Regan Smith levelled. Again Hinckley took the lead when the ever dangerous Steve Hart scored a great individual goal. Once more Hayes levelled when a long punt from Dan Evans found the net.

Hinckley then went head again through through Laverty then with five minutes left Adam Weldon bought the score level at 4-4. Heath Hayes had two good chances to win, but a fair result.

Hayes were visiting Sporting Khalsa for a cup game on Tuesday. On Saturday, they return to league action when Paget Rangers visit the Colliery Ground.

STEELE CHECKS IN FOR A POINT

Hednesford Town Workington 1

A STOPPAGE time Chekaine Steele goal saw Hednesford Town deservedly claim a share of the points against Workington at Keys Park.

The home side started the Evo-Stik Premier fixture well with Reece King firing an effort wide of the post in the second minute, while there were calls for a penalty in the fourth minute but Jordan Graham was booked a dive in the area.

Ben Bailey then saw a header saved on the line by Aaran Taylor in the seventh minute as the Pitmen continued to press.

Despite this bright start it would be the visitors that would go ahead in the 24th minute when King was adjudged to have committed a foul in the penalty area.

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Although Hednesford goalkeeper James Wren got a hand to Scott Allison's spot-kick, it found the bottom corner of the net to open the scoring.

Hednesford were indebted to Wren in the 62nd minute as the ball fell to Allison at the back post and his shot was saved, with Joe Fitzpatrick making a fine block for a corner from the follow-up.

Just when it looked as if Hednesford's efforts would go unrewarded, they would equalise right at the death. Substitute Steele drove forward and fired in a low effort from the edge of the box to bring the scores level.

All this good work was nearly undone in the final minute of stoppage time as Workington forced Wren to superbly tip an effort on to the crossbar, with Jim Mutton then making a fine block from the follow-up to deny the visitors a last-gasp winner.

After a League Cup tie at local rivals Rushall on Tuesday, the Pitmen travel to Whitby on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

Children on the ball at Banks's

The youngsters on the Banks's pitch with Walsall mascot Swifty

YOUNGSTERS enjoyed a day out at the Banks's Stadium for Walsall's game with Blackpool last weekend.

Year 6 pupils from Penkridge Middle School, along with two friends from Year 7 at Cannock Chase High, acted as ball boys for the League 1 clash.

The day began with a training session and match on the artificial pitch led by coaches from Walsall's Community team. There was an extra surprise with visitors from the Much Wenlock Olympic Society allowing the children to hold an Olympic torch after a brief presentation.

At the end of the game, a 1-1 draw watched by more than 4,500, a signed Walsall ball was awarded to Rafe Whitehouse for his terrific attitude and effort.

Ladies' first goal and win of campaign

Durham University 3 Cannock M1s 3

CANNOCK were pegged back at 3-1 up against last season's league winners with goals from Callum Stacey (2) and Matt Wilson.

Cannock M3s 0 Birmingham Uni 4

IT was a tough day for Cannock against a talented side on their first home game of the season.

Halesowen 5 Cannock M4s 1

CANNOCK had just 11 players for their trip to Halesowen. Despite a bright start, Cannock conceded two soft goals to trail at the break and Old Hales killed off the the game early in the second half with two goals in quick succession before Mark Cotterill scored. Old Hales scored a final breakaway goal.

Cannock L1s 4 Oxford 1

SOPHIE Tibbetts scored Cannock's first goal of the season, with Jodie Beddow and Lily Walker (2) also on target as Cannock won for the first time.

Cannock L2s 2 Sutton Coldfield 2

AN equaliser by Rachel Drayton-Chana secured Cannock's third draw of the season.

Cannock L3s 7 Bloxwich 2

JENNA Martin, Emma Smith, Jenny Collins and Lucy Black were all among the goals as the ladies closed the gap on leaders Bloxwich 1sts.

Cannock L4s 1 Tamworth 4

JEMMA Bowen scored Cannock's goal against unbeaten Tamworth.

Cannock L5s 2 Tamworth 1

MARY O'Brien and Ashlin McAree scored the goals for Cannock.

Collier hat-trick hero yet again for United

Milton Utd Res 0 Cannock Utd 4

UNITED progressed to the quarter final of the Staffordshire FA Challenge Cup quarter final, with Tom Collier the hat-trick hero for the second successive week.

Grant McCarty broke the deadlock on 41 minutes.

A goal down in the second half, Milton tried to press but were left exposed on the flanks and as tiredness became a factor the visitors took advantage, Collier netting three times in the last 15 minutes.

United are at home to Alsager on Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.

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